## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement Council Directive 92/75/EEC (on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by household appliances) and Commission Directive 2002/40/EC (implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household electric ovens).

Electric ovens to which these Regulations apply are those specified in regulation 3 subject to the exclusions specified in regulation 4.

Suppliers, as defined in regulation 2, must supply labels (which comply with Schedules 1 and 4) and information notices (which comply with Schedules 2 and 4) about the energy consumption of those regulated household electric ovens (regulations 7 and 8). Suppliers are deemed to consent to the publication of the information given on a label or in an information notice (regulation 9). They are responsible for the accuracy of the information (regulation 10) and are required to establish, before the electric oven is placed on the Community market, technical documentation to enable the accuracy of the information to be assessed (regulation 6).

Dealers, as defined in regulation 2, must attach a label to a regulated household electric oven displayed to end-users (regulation 11).

Where a regulated household electric oven is for sale by communication (as defined in regulation 2), the dealer is required by regulation 12 to provide relevant information as set out in Schedules 3 and 4.

Regulation 14 prohibits the display of misleading information about the energy consumption of regulated household electric ovens. Regulation 15 provides for the presumption of compliance. Regulation 16 and Schedule 6 contain provisions on offences, penalties and other matters of enforcement.

Regulation 17 makes transitional provision; until 30th June 2003 the Regulations do not apply unless a regulated household electric oven is offered for sale or displayed with a label or information notice or is the subject of a communication.

Where a supplier is required to provide labels in another Community language, Schedule 5 sets out the equivalent terms to the terms in English in Schedules 1, 2 and 3.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment, estimating the financial impact of the Regulations on suppliers, dealers and wholesalers of regulated household electric ovens covered by the scheme, can be obtained from: Environment, Business and Consumers Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.