

**THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG
FARMERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

S.I. 2004 No. 3080 (N.I. 21)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION

6. Consultation on the proposed scheme took place between May and August 2003. The proposal followed the guidelines for “setting up of young farmers” as outlined in the Rural Development Regulation (EC 1257/99). The consultation document was issued to interested parties who responded to the circulation of an earlier letter informing all potential stakeholders of the consultation exercises planned for 2003. Consultees were also identified from responses made to a number of press advertisements. Responses, which came from farming, environmental, political and other organisations and individuals, were for the most part positive with overwhelming numbers wishing to see a scheme for new entrants introduced.