EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations further amend the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ("the principal Regulations") to provide for a shorter period in which to apply for compensatory allowances for ewes in respect of any marketing year.

2. In respect of a particular marketing year such an application must be delivered to the Department on or after 8th December in the preceding calendar year and not later than 8th January in the marketing year concerned.

3. The principal Regulations, as amended, continue to comply with the Council Regulations set out in the Explanatory Note to those Regulations.