EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Proceeds of Crime (Countries and Territories designated under the Criminal Justice Act 1988) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 ("the principal Order") which provides that, subject to certain modifications, the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("the Order") applies to an order made by a court in any of the countries and territories listed in Schedule 1 of the principal Order (being countries and territories designated under section 96 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988) for the purposes of recovering property obtained as a result of or in connection with conduct corresponding to certain offences, recovering the value of the property so obtained or of depriving a person of a pecuniary advantage so obtained.

Article 2 of this Order and the Schedule add to the list of countries to which the principal Order applies. Article 3 amends the Appendix set out at the end of paragraph 32 of Schedule 2 to the principal Order so that the point of institution of proceedings for Australia is included and that for the Isle of Man is revised. Article 4 of this Order makes a like amendment to the Order as modified in Schedule 3 to the principal Order.

By virtue of Article 1(1) this Order comes into operation on 1st February 1999.