EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the coming into operation on 26th April 1999 of provisions in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 ("the Act") enabling the making of Regulations.

It also provides for the coming into operation on 1st October 1999 of section 14(2), (4) and (5) and section 15 (save for section 15(1)(b)) of the Act which relate to the duty of trade organisations to make adjustments for disabled persons.

It further provides for the coming into operation on 1st October 1999 of sections 19(1)(b), 20(2), (5) and (9), and 21(1), (2)(d), (4), (6) and (10) of the Act which relate to the duty of providers of services to make adjustments for disabled persons.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment including the costs and benefits of the coming into operation of sections 19(1)(b), 20(2), (5) and (9), 21(1), (2)(d), (4), (6) and (10) of the Act can be obtained by post from Robert Gray, Social Policy Branch, Department of Health and Social Services, Room C.4.22, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3PP.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the costs and benefits of the coming into operation of section 14(2), (4) and (5) and section 15(1)(a), (2) to (5) and (10) of the Act can be obtained by post from Mairead Mageean, Disablement Advisory Service, Training and Employment Agency, Adelaide House, 39-49 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8FD.