EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Agriculture (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 ("the Order"), this Order dissolves the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland ("the Board") on 1st August 2004.

The Board was constituted by Part II of the Schedule to the Milk Marketing Scheme (Approval) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 (S.R. 1989 No. 48) to administer the Milk Marketing Scheme ("the Scheme") set out in the said Schedule. The Scheme was revoked by Article 4 of the Order, as read with the Milk Marketing Scheme (Postponement of Date of Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 (S.R. 1994 No. 59), the Milk Marketing Scheme (Postponement of Date of Revocation No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 (S.R. 1994 No. 340) and the Milk Marketing Scheme (Certification of Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 104).

By virtue of Article 16 of the Order, the Board was not deemed to be dissolved by reason of the revocation of the Scheme but, further to the Milk Marketing Board (Residuary Functions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 25) made under Article 17 of the Order, was preserved in residuary form together with so much of the Scheme as related to the winding up of the Board until such time as it might be dissolved. The Board has now carried out the functions that remained to it and has given notice to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development that it has wound up its affairs.