

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 1st April 2003, applies throughout Great Britain and further amends the Horticultural Development Council Order 1986 (S.I.1986/1110) (“the principal Order”).

The Order adds five new functions of the Horticultural Development Council established under the principal Order (article 10). It also provides for any person who grows apples or pears (other than certain excluded varieties) for sale or processing into an apple or pear product and who occupies at least two hectares of land planted with at least 50 trees to be included in the definition of “grower” in the principal Order (article 3). Such growers were subject to a charge by the Apple and Pear Research Council until its dissolution by the Apple and Pear Research Council Dissolution Order (S.I. No. 908).

Article 7 sets a maximum charge of £35 per hectare for such growers, and Article 6 provides for their inclusion in the register kept by the Council. Article 4 provides for the membership of the Council to be increased by one to fifteen. Article 5 enables the Council to record the names and addresses of the directors of companies on the register.