## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules revoke and replace the Trade Marks (Fees) Rules 1994 (S.I.1994/2584) and the Trade Marks (International Registration) (Fees) Rules 1996 (S.I.1996/715).

They also provide for a reduction of the fees in respect of:

- (a) the class fee for applications for registration which cover goods and services falling in more than one class; and
- (b) applications for additional classes following examination of a mark, for each additional class.

The fees in respect of other matters have been retained.

The Rules retain the application of the Trade Marks and Service Marks (Fees) Rules 1992 (S.I.1992/1069), the Trade Marks and Service Marks (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 1993 (S.I. 1993/3029) and the Trade Marks and Service Marks (Fees) (Amendments) Rules 1994 (S.I. 1994/2581) for matters arising under the Trade Marks and Service Marks Rules 1986 (S.I. 1986/1367) and which were filed or commenced before 31st October 1994.