

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Countryside Access Regulations 1994 (“the principal Regulations”) which implement in part a zonal programme approved by the European Commission under Article 7 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 (OJ No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 85) on agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of the protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside.

These Regulations provide that in relation to Wales the Secretary of State shall not make any payment of aid under the principal Regulations unless an application for such aid under regulation 5 of those Regulations is received by him before 11th May 1999 (regulation 2).

No regulatory appraisal has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.