EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision in relation to the bodies mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Order, (all of which are specified as cross-border public authorities by the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Specification) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/1319)) which is considered necessary or expedient in consequence of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

Article 2 of the Order provides that the modifications in Part II of Schedules 2 to 23 of the Order which relate to the cross-border public authorities mentioned in Part I of those Schedules, are to have effect.

Article 4 re-applies sections 118 to 121 of the Scotland Act 1998 to any functions which, by virtue of the provisions of the Order, are exercisable by Scottish Ministers alone.

Article 5 makes transitional and savings provision.

This Order will come into force on the principal appointed day, which is currently 1st July 1999 by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998 (Commencement) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/3178).