EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings the Export Control Act 2002 ("the Act") into force on 30th October 2003, with the exception of:

- (a) section 15 (consequential repeals) which shall come into force on 1st May 2004 and
- (b) the provisions referred to in section 16(2) which came into force upon Royal Assent.

The Order also makes provision for the transitional arrangements that will apply upon the commencement of section 15 of the Act on 1st May 2004, and the consequent repeal of the export control provisions of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act 1939.