

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 1(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2001 provides that the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (“the Service Discipline Acts”) shall expire on 31st August 2002 unless continued in force in accordance with that section.

The Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Orders 2002, 2003 and 2004 (S.I.2002/1820, [S.I.2003/1869](#) and [S.I.2004/1496](#) respectively) have each provided for the continuation of the Service Discipline Acts for a period of 12 months. Under the 2004 Order, the Service Discipline Acts shall continue in force until 31st August 2005.

This Order enables the Service Discipline Acts to continue in force for a further period of 12 months beyond 31st August 2005.