EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Schedule to this Order contains arrangements ("the Arrangements") dealing with the exchange of information for tax purposes between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Gibraltar. This Order brings the Arrangements into effect.

Article 1 provides for citation.

Article 2 makes a declaration as to the effect and content of the Arrangements.

The Arrangements provide for the exchange of information relevant to the administration or enforcement of the taxes covered by the Arrangements by the revenue authorities of the two countries. Information will be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the Arrangements.

The Arrangements will enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by each country of the completion of its legislative procedures. They will take effect as follows:

- (a) in respect of requests relating to criminal tax matters on the date of entry into force; and
- (b) for all other requests, in relation to taxable periods beginning on or after the date of entry into force or, where there is no taxable period, for all charges to tax arising on or after that date.

The date of entry into force will, in due course, be published in the *London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes*.

A full and final Impact Assessment has not been produced for this Order as a negligible impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.