

**FOOD BENEFIT SCHEMES  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003**

**S.I. 2003 No. 3202 (N.I. 19)**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Food Benefit Schemes (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (“the Order”) was made on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003 under paragraph 1 (1) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000, modified by section 186 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003, subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament. The Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of section 185 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003.
2. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (“the Department”) in order to assist the reader in understanding the Order.