

AGRICULTURE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 No. 3327 (N.I. 23)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER

10. The Order has three main purposes:
- to create a new organisation (AFBI) as an executive Non Departmental Public Body that will carry out a range of statutory and other scientific work - including research and development, across a range of agriculture and similar disciplines – for the Department, other government bodies and the private sector;
 - to repeal the Queen’s University of Belfast Act (NI) 1928 and to amend provisions within the Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 for teaching and higher education science courses relating to agriculture, food and the environment; and
 - to dissolve ARINI, which has undertaken research and development in agriculture related subjects since 1927, and subsume its functions within the new AFBI; and accordingly, to repeal the Agricultural Research Station Acts (Northern Ireland), 1927 and 1931.