

**INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**CONSULTATION**

6. A consultation paper was issued in May 2004, with subsequent focus groups being held during June and July 2004. Consultees included all of the major I&P Societies in Northern Ireland, as well as leaders of various I&P representative bodies. Other government departments in Northern Ireland were also consulted, as were the Financial Services Authority and HM Treasury. A further consultation paper, including the draft Order in Council, was issued in May 2005. No issues were identified by these consultations.