EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 4c of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 (O.J. No. L148, 28.6.68, p. 24, (O.J./SE 1968 (1) p. 187)) (inserted by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2066/92 (O.J. No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 49)) as amended provides for the payment to beef and veal producers of a deseasonalisation premium. Detailed rules for the administration of the premium are laid down in Articles 1, 19 to 22, 42 to 45, and 54 to 61 of the Commission Regulations (EEC) No. 3886/92 (O.J. L391, 21.12.92, p. 20) as amended.

The Deseasonalisation Premium (Protection of Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ("the principal Regulations") supplement the relevant provisions of the Council and Commission Regulations.

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to provide that a producer may make up to two applications for Deseasonalisation Premium in respect of the 1999 marketing year and shall deliver his applications between the dates of 5th April 1999 and 12th September 1999.

A consequential change is made to the definition of "animal" in the principal Regulations.