EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations enable the Department to establish procedures for the review of a relevant determination made by the Department under any of the Community instruments listed in the Schedule to the Regulations, or any statutory provision which implements or supplements those Community instruments in Northern Ireland.

These instruments relate to both direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union and rural development payments made in pursuance of schemes within the framework of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

The procedures to be established under these Regulations may include consideration by persons appointed by the Department with a view to their making a recommendation as to how the matter should ultimately be determined.

The Regulations confer power to pay remuneration and allowances to any such persons appointed, and to charge a fee in respect of the costs of the procedures.