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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 55**

**NORTHERN IRELAND  
EQUAL OPORTUNITIES**

**The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation  
of Public Authorities) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - 14th January 2003*

*Coming into operation 15th January 2003*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 75(3) (a) and (d) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(1), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2003 and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which it is made.

2. The bodies listed in Schedule 1 to this Order (being bodies listed in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967(2)) are hereby designated for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3. The persons listed in Schedule 2 to this Order are hereby designated for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Northern Ireland Office  
14th January 2003

*Paul Murphy*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

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(1) 1998 c. 47  
(2) 1967 c. 13

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Bodies listed in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 and designated for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

National Biological Standards Board (UK)  
Postal Services Commission  
Consumer Council for Postal Services

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

Persons designated for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission  
Northern Ireland Audit Office

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order designates bodies for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The effect is to make the bodies listed in the Schedules to the Order “public authorities” for the purposes of that section. Such a public authority is subject to the statutory duties, set out in section 75(1) and (2), to have regard in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland—

- to the need to promote equality of opportunity; and
- to the desirability of promoting good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.