EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Land Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 by, principally,-

(1) abolishing different classes of register in the Land Registry in favour of a single title register;

(2) abolishing the Land Registry Insurance Fund and providing for disputes about compensation to be determined by the Lands Tribunal;

(3) expediting and simplifying registration procedures; and

(4) facilitating the computerization of records and searches.

The Order also amends the Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 by-

- (a) simplifying proceedings in the registry of deeds;
- (b) facilitating computerization; and
- (c) enabling provision to be made for telephone applications for searches and for the lodging of documents by post.