

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 96(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No.

NORTHERN IRELAND

**North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies)
(Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999**

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Coming into force in accordance with Article 1(2)

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 by section 55 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(1) hereby makes the following Order:—

Title, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the appointed day(2), or on the day after the day on which it is made, whichever is the later.

(3) This Order does not extend to England and Wales or Scotland.

Amendments to the principal Order

2.—(1) The North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(3) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Article 3 (the Agreement) at the end insert—

“(4) In this Order “the supplementary Agreement” means the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland constituted by the exchange of letters dated 18 June 1999, the texts of which are set out in Schedule 1A.”.

(3) In Article 14 (the implementation body for special EU programmes) at the beginning of paragraphs (2) and (3) insert “Subject to paragraph (3A),” and after paragraph (3) insert—

(1) 1998 c. 47.

(2) “the appointed day” is defined in section 3(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

(3) S.I.1999/859.

“(3A) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3), Part 4 of Annex 1 and Part 4 of Annex 2 to the Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the supplementary Agreement.”.

(4) After Schedule 1 (text of the Agreement) there shall be inserted the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Northern Ireland Office
1999

One of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of
State

SCHEDULE

Article 2(4)

SCHEDULE 1A TO THE NORTH/SOUTH CO-OPERATION (IMPLEMENTATION BODIES) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999, AS INSERTED

“SCHEDULE 1A

TEXTS OF THE LETTERS EXCHANGED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND CONSTITUTING THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT

18 June 1999

HE Mr David Andrews

Minister for Foreign Affairs

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments concerning the interpretation, in relation to post-1999 Structural Funds, of the terms “Community Initiatives”, “Initiatives” and “CIs” in Part 4 of Annex 1 and Part 4 of Annex 2 to the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing Implementation Bodies done at Dublin on 8 March 1999 (“the Implementation Bodies Agreement”).

It is the understanding of my Government that it was the joint intention of our two Governments that the aforementioned terms would include any successor to the PEACE programme established within the framework of the European Community’s Structural Funds and should be construed accordingly. If this is also the understanding of your Government, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments concerning the interpretation of these terms which shall enter into force on the date on which the Implementation Bodies Agreement enters into force.

Marjorie Mowlam

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

18 June 1999

Rt Hon Marjorie Mowlam

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 18 June 1999 concerning the interpretation of certain terms contained in the Agreement between our two Governments establishing Implementation Bodies done at Dublin on 8 March 1999. I confirm that it is also the understanding of my Government that it was the joint intention of our two Governments that the terms as specified in your letter would include any successor to the PEACE programme established within the framework of the European Community’s Structural Funds and should be construed accordingly.

I have the honour to confirm that this letter and your letter shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments concerning the interpretation of these terms which shall enter into force on the date on which the Implementation Bodies Agreement enters into force.

David Andrews T.D.

Minister for Foreign Affairs”

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: *The North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 No. 859*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999. That Order gave effect to provisions of an Agreement with the Government of Ireland concerning implementation bodies. This Order gives effect to a further Agreement with the Government of Ireland concerning the interpretation of certain terms in the original Agreement.