

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 44 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 gives a right of appeal to the Secretary of State to persons aggrieved by decisions of an authority having power to issue licences (other than agricultural licences and nuclear site licences) under Part I of that Act or under the Acts specified in Schedule 1 to that Act. That section also provides that before the determination of an appeal the Secretary of State shall, if either the appellant or the licensing authority expresses a wish to appear and be heard, afford to both of them an opportunity of so doing.

These Rules prescribe the procedure to be followed in connection with hearings held in England and Wales on such appeals.