

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These rules prescribe the procedure to be followed at public local inquiries and hearings held under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 in connection with applications made to the Secretary of State for orders under the Drought Act 1976.

Provision is made for the notification of the date, time and place of an inquiry and for other action to be taken before an inquiry is opened (Rule 4), for the granting of entitlement or permission to persons to appear at the inquiry (Rule 5), for attendance by representatives of government departments (Rule 6), for the regulation of procedure at and after the inquiry (Rules 7 and 9) and for the making of site inspections (Rule 8).

Rule 10 prescribes the manner in which the Secretary of State is to notify his decision and empowers certain interested persons to receive a copy of the report of the person appointed to hold the inquiry or hearing.