

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order, which comes into force on 15th March 2008, designates the Secretary of State and any Northern Ireland department so that they may each exercise the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 in relation to the environment. Several existing designations which designate the Secretary of State and any Northern Ireland department in relation to environmental matters are revoked as they are now superseded.

This Order also designates the Secretary of State in relation to the placing on the market of cat and dog fur and of products containing such fur.