STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 278

AGRICULTURE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*1st July 2008*
Coming into operation	*31st July 2008*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, and shall come into operation on 31 July 2008.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

2. The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(**4**) shall be amended as provided by regulations 3 to 5.

3. In regulation 2 (Interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after the definition of "EEA State" insert the following definition—

> ""the EIA Directive" means Council Directive 85/337/EEC(**5**) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive 97/11(**6**) and Council Directive 2003/35(**7**);"

(b) after paragraph (4) add—

(**1**) S.I. 2000/2812 and S.I. 2000/3238
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 2007 No. 421
(**5**) O.J. No. L175, 5.7.85, p.40
(**6**) O.J. No. L73, 14.3.97, p.5-15
(**7**) O.J. No. L156, 25.06.03, p.17-25