STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 419

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
WATER AND SEWERAGE

The Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*1st October 2004*
Coming into operation	*29th October 2004*

The Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being departments designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to measures relating to the prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution of water, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by that section and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 29th October 2004.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations –

"Action Programme" has the same meaning as in Article 5 of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources(**3**);

"the Departments" means the Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development acting jointly;

"Northern Ireland" has the same meaning as in the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47);

"Regulations" means Regulations made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68).

(**1**) S.I.1989/2393
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) O.J. No. L375, 31.12.91, p. 1