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Northern Ireland Office
Date: 2nd March, 1999.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

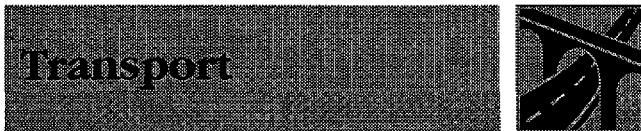
This Order lays down the functions of the Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland ("the Commissioners"). Under section 36(1) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973, any appointment to the office of Civil Service Commissioner for Northern Ireland shall be by Her Majesty.

The principal provisions of this Order are:-

1. **Article 3** provides that, apart from permitted exceptions, all appointments to the Northern Ireland Civil Service ("the Civil Service") shall be made on merit on the basis of fair and open competition (the "merit principle").
2. **Article 4** provides for the Commissioners to maintain the merit principle, to prescribe exceptions to it, and to prescribe and publish a recruitment code on the interpretation of the merit principle. This Article also provides for the Commissioners to audit recruitment to the Civil Service, and to require the publication of information on Civil Service recruitment.
3. **Article 5** provides for Commissioners to consider and determine appeals to them by a civil servant under the Code of Ethics.
4. **Article 6** provides that no appointment shall be made to the Senior Civil Service, or such other situations in the Civil Service as the Commissioners may prescribe, without the approval of the Commissioners.
5. **Article 7** allows any function of the Commissioners to be exercised by one or more of the Commissioners and allows the Commissioners, in relation to such matters as they may specify, to authorise any person to act on their behalf. The Article also requires the Secretary of State to make provision to support the work of the Commissioners.

(a) 1954 c. 33 (NI).

(b) The 1996 Order was printed in the Belfast Gazette on 20 December 1996.



Roads (NI) Order

ROADS Service

Roads (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and of all other enabling powers made on 3rd March, 1999, an Order entitled Roads (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 89) which will come into operation on 14th March, 1999.

The purpose of the regulations is to implement Council Directive 97/11/EC of the 3rd March, 1997 (O.J. No. L73, 14.3.97, p.5) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment in respect of those proposals to construct new roads and to improve roads to which the Directive applies. The Directive amends Council Directive 85/337/EEC of the 27th June, 1985 (O.J. No. L17, 5.7.85, p.40) on the same subject. The regulations amend Article 67 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and require the Department to determine the need to carry out an environmental assessment in respect of projects falling within Annex II of the amended Directive in accordance with a case-by-case examination or thresholds or criteria set by it taking account in any event of the relevant criteria set out in Annex III of the amended Directive. It is also required to publish its determination. The Department must include in its environmental statement an outline of the main alternatives studied by it and an indication of the main reason for its choice, taking into account the environmental effects. It shall publish the environmental statement

within a reasonable time to ensure that the public concerned is given an opportunity to express an opinion before it publishes its decision as to whether to initiate the project. The regulations provide for consultation between Member States in cases where the project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment in other Member States.

The regulations make consequential amendments to Article 133 of the Order and revoke the Roads (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 93407 X, £2.00.

PARKING PLACES FOR DISABLED PERSONS' VEHICLES

Notice is given that the Department of the Environment made on 24th February, 1999, the Parking Places on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 85) which will come into operation on 22nd March, 1999. The Order authorises the introduction of parking places on the parts of the roads in Ballymena, Ballymoney, Bangor, Belfast, Coleraine, Comber, Cookstown, Donaghadee, Holywood, Killinchy, Kilrea, Kircubbin, Limavady, Lisburn, Newtownards, Portrush and Portstewart specified in Schedule 1. These parking places will be for disabled persons' vehicles only. The Order also authorises the removal of the parking places in Belfast and Portrush specified in Schedule 2.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from Room 225, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB.

MOUNTAINVALE DRIVE/MOUNTAINVALE CRESCENT, NEWTOWNABBEY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE AN ABANDONMENT ORDER

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland being of the opinion that another road is available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic, proposes to make an order under Article 68 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 the effect of which would be to abandon a length of approximately 46 metres of footpath extending in a northerly direction from the back of the footway in Mountainvale Drive between Nos. 11 and 15 Mountainvale Drive to the back of the footway in Mountainvale Crescent between Nos. 11 and 13 Mountainvale Crescent in the Borough of Newtownabbey and County of Antrim.

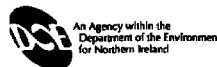
The length of road proposed to be abandoned is delineated on a map which, together with a copy of a draft of the order, may be inspected by any person free of charge at all reasonable hours during the period from 12th March, 1999, to 19th April, 1999, at the Department's Roads Service offices, Headquarters, Room 231, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast; and Belfast Division, Hydebank, Hospital Road, Belfast.

Any person may within the said period object to the proposal by written notice to Roads Service Headquarters at the address above stating the grounds of objection.

Notice of intention to make the proposed order was previously published during week-ending 25th December, 1998.

Dated: 2nd March, 1999.

S. D. Williams, Authorised Officer.



Department of the Environment

ROAD RACES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1986

MOTOR RACES 1999

Whereas each promoter listed in Column 1 below has applied to the Department of the Environment for an Order under Article 3(1) of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 in respect of the event specified opposite to its name in Column 2. Now therefore in accordance with the powers conferred by Article 3(2) of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 the Department of the Environment hereby grants the applications in respect of the events listed in Column 2-