into operation subject to the transitional and saving provisions set out in Articles 3 and 4. Paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 5 to the 1990 (No. 2) Order make a number of minor amendments to certain provisions of the 1986 Order requiring particulars of directors to be delivered to the registrar of companies or entered into registers kept by the company. Paragraphs 2 and 6 are brought into operation subject to the transitional and saving provisions made by Article 5. Paragraph 13 of Schedule 5 to the 1990 (No. 2) Order substitutes a new provision with respect to the registered numbers of companies for an existing provision of the 1986 Order. Article 2 also brings into operation certain repeals effected by Schedule 6 to, and Article 113 of, the 1990 (No. 2) Order.

Articles 3 and 4 enable a company not due to file an annual return for 1991 before the coming into operation of Article 74 to file, notwithstanding the coming into operation of that Article, as annual return under the existing provisions of the 1986 Order relating to annual returns rather than under the new provisions. (A company which was due to file an annual return for 1991 before 1st October, 1991, but which has not done so remains obliged to file a return under the existing provisions of the 1986 Order relating to annual returns by virtue of Article 74(2) of the 1990 (No. 2) Order). Articles 3 and 4 make certain other transitional provisions necessary for the operation of this arrangement, together with a saving provision maintaining an exemption from the requirement to file an annual return for 1991 applicable to certain companies under those existing provisions.

Article 5(1) concerns companies which, as a consequence of the coming into operation of paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the 1990 (No. 2) Order, come under an obligation to amend their register of directors kept under Article 296 of the 1986 Order (mainly private companies not being subsidiaries of a public company which must register the dates of birth of their directors). It gives them a period of grace within which to comply and also relieves them of the obligation in Article 296(2) to notify the changes made to the registrar of companies. Article 5(2) requires certain companies incorporated outside Northern Ireland which carry on business in Northern Ireland to make a return to the registrar of companies of the dates of birth of their directors by 1st January, 1992.

Copies of the Order may be purchased from HMSO Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Economic Development has made a statutory rule entitled the Companies (Forms) (Amendment No. 2 and Company's Type and Principal Business Activities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. 1991 No. 399).

These Regulations prescribe new forms 21, 296 and 641 as from 1st October, 1991, and prescribe new particulars for the purposes of Article 642(1)(b) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 ("the 1986 Order") as from the same date. This is done to give effect to the requirements to give directors' dates of birth for certain purposes introduced by the Companies (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 ("the 1990 (No. 2) Order"). The old forms 21, 296 and 641 are revoked as from 1st January, 1992, and the old particulars as from 1st October, 1991.

The Regulations also prescribe three new annual return forms for use in relation to 1991 and subsequent years as from 1st October, 1991. These are forms 371a, 371b and 371s. Form 371a is a blank form. Forms 371b and 371s are forms which will be provided to companies by the registrar of companies already partly completed from the registrar's records. Companies will be able to return them amended and completed as necessary.

Companies will also be able to use forms 371b and 371a to notify a change of registered office. In addition companies will be able to use form 371s to notify the resignation etc., of a director or secretary and changes in the particulars of existing directors and secretaries but not the appointment of new directors or secretaries. For this purpose a form 296, as prescribed by these Regulations will have to be used. Form 371s may also be used to notify the place where any register of debenture holders or duplicate of such a register is kept, and any change in that place and the place where the register of members is kept and any change in that place. The Regulations also permit particulars of directors to be given in an annual return in form 371s if a form 296 is annexed to it.

The Regulations prescribe the classification scheme for giving a company's type in its annual return as required by Article 372(1)(b) of the 1986 Order (as substituted by the 1990 (No. 2) Order). They also prescribe for the purposes of that Article, which requires a

company to give its principal business activities in its annual return, the system of classifying business activities. The system prescribed for this purpose is the VAT Trade Classification plus three extra codes. Copies of the VAT Trade Classification are available free of charge from local VAT Enquiry Offices.

The present annual return form is revoked as from 1st October, 1991, except that it may continue to be used after that date in respect of years up to and including 1991 under the transitional and saving provisions contained in Article 74(2) of the 1990 (No. 2) Order and Articles 3 and 4 of the Companies (1990 No. 2 Order) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. 1991 No. 398 (c.18)).

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### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1976

#### Labour Relations Agency

#### MINUTE OF APPOINTMENT

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 4 of and Schedule 1 to the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, hereby appoints the following persons to be members of the Labour Relations Agency, that is to say:

Ms. A. Kilmurray

Mr. J. Nash

Mr. J. L. O'Hagan, OBE

Mr. R. Steele

to hold office from 1st October, 1991, until 30th September, 1994.

The terms and conditions of appointment shall be as specified by the Department of Economic Development in the letters of appointment.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development this 27th day of August, 1991.

G. Loughran, Permanent Secretary.

## INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

Notice of Cancellation pursuant to section 15 of the said Act

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar has, pursuant to the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, this day cancelled the registration of Northern Rabbit Producers Limited (Register No. IP320) the registered office of which is at 109 Church Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT62 3DB, on the ground that the society has ceased to exist.

The society ceases to enjoy the privileges of a registered society, but without prejudice to any liability incurred by the society, which may be enforced against it as if such cancellation had not taken place.

S. McElrea

Date 29th August, 1991.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL SECURITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1975 SOCIAL SECURITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 SOCIAL SECURITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1986

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of powers conferred on it by sections 7A(6) and 9(6) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, Article 1(8) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 and Article 55 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland has made regulations entitled the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. 1991 No. 404).