# Preface

# **Content and Layout**

This list contains details of the statutory publications and accompanying Explanatory documents published during the month. It is arranged in three main sections that group the primary and delegated legislation of the United Kingdom, England & Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (Statutory Instruments made by the National Assembly for Wales are included within the UK section). Within each section the publications are listed in the same order:

- Acts and their Explanatory Notes;
- Statutory Instruments or Statutory Rules, arranged under subject headings. (Each entry includes, where available or appropriate: the enabling power; the date when the instrument was issued, made and laid and comes into force; a short note of any effect; territorial extent and classification; a note of the relevant EU legislation; pagination; ISBN and price);
- A numerical listing of the instruments, with their subject heading. This list also includes any subsidiary numbers in the series: C for commencement orders; L for instruments relating to court fees or procedure in England and Wales; NI for Orders in Council relating only to Northern Ireland; S for instruments relating only to Scotland, W for instruments made by the National Assembly for Wales;

There is a single alphabetical, subject index, which includes both subject headings and descriptive terms from the title. The index is cumulated throughout the year

### **Unpublished Statutory Instruments**

Although the majority of Statutory Instruments are formally published, some SIs of limited, local application are unpublished. These are listed in this publication when they have been received and processed by the TSO Bibliographic Department, not necessarily in the month they are issued. This causes some discontinuity in the number sequence, which is resolved in the annual listing, which lists the complete number sequences.

#### **Access to Documents**

The full text of all legislation and delegated legislation (Statutory Instruments) is available from the OPSI website on the day of publication. The website contains legislation dating back to 1988 for Acts and 1987 for Statutory Instruments.

The relevant web addresses:

UK Acts and Statutory Instruments www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/uk.htm

Scottish Acts and Statutory Instruments www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/about.htm

Northern Ireland Acts and Statutory Rules www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/northernireland/ni\_legislation .htm

Welsh Statutory Instruments www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/wales\_legislation.htm

The full text of the general statutory instruments and statutory rules are also published in the respective annual editions of: *Statutory Instruments, Scottish Statutory Instruments, Statutory Instruments made by the National Assembly for Wales* and *Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland.* 

Copies of legislation and published delegated legislation can be purchased from the addresses on the back cover. Copies of local instruments unobtainable from The Stationery Office may be obtained at prevailing prices from:

- Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Statutory Publications Unit, Admiralty Arch, North Side, The Mall, London, SW1A 2WH (from 1922 onwards – except for the years 1942, 1950, 1951 and up to SI no. 940 of 1952)
- Reader Information Services Department, The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU (as before, up to 1960)
- British Library, Official Publications and Social Sciences Service, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB (as before, up to 1980)

# **Standing Orders**

Standing orders can be set up to ensure the receipt of all statutory publications in a particular subject area, without the need to continually scan lists of new publications or place individual orders. The subject categories used can be either broad or very specific. For more information please contact the TSO Standing Orders department on 0870 600 5522, or fax: 0870 600 5533.