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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2006

Made - - - -	*29th June 2006*
Laid before Parliament	*3rd July 2006*
Coming into force - -	*31st July 2006*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 153(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(**a**), makes the following Order:

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This Order—

(a) may be cited as the Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2006;

(b) extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland, except for Article 2(b) which extends to England and Wales; and

(c) comes into force on 31st July 2006.

Variation of section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

2. In section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(**b**) (purposes for which financial assistance may be given), after paragraph (vv)(**c**)—

(a) insert—

"(ww) the scheme known as the World Summit on Sustainable Development Implementation Fund;"

(b) insert—

(**a**) 1990 c.43. The relevant functions of the Secretary of State insofar as they are exercisable within the devolved competence were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46). In relation to Wales, the Secretary of State has concurrent powers with the National Assembly for Wales (see article 2 of, and the entry relating to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in Schedule 1 to, the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).

(**b**) Varied by S.I. 1991/146, 682 and 1179, 1992/654, 1993/1062 and 1518, 1995/150, 554, 1085 and 3099, 1996/505 and 1431, 1997/651, 1998/538, 1001 and 3234, 2000/207 and 2211, 2002/1686 and 2021, 2003/714 and 2119, and 2005/1805, by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and by S.S.I. 2000/430 2002/83, 2003/173 and 2005/324.

(**c**) Inserted by S.I. 2005/1805.

"(xx) the programme known as the Envirowise Programme, in relation to its activities in England."

Ben Bradshaw
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
29th June 2006 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order varies section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It enables the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Treasury, to give financial assistance to, or for the purposes, of the World Summit on Sustainable Development Implementation Fund (the WIF) and to, or for the purposes of, the Envirowise Programme in relation to its activities in England. This Order extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland, except for Article 2(b) which extends to England and Wales.

The purpose of the WIF is to provide funds to accelerate implementation of commitments made at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). The funds provided for this purpose may be applied to initiatives such as sustainable development dialogues, the use and promotion of multi-stakeholder partnerships and initiatives to support WSSD commitments on which Defra leads. Details of the Scheme are available on the Government Sustainable Development website at http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk.

The purpose of the Envirowise Programme is to provide business with free, independent, confidential advice and support on practical ways to improve profits, minimise waste, be more resource efficient and reduce their environmental impact. Details of the Programme are available on the Envirowise website at http://www.envirowise.gov.uk.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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