EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE MILK MARKETING BOARD (ENGLAND AND WALES) (REVOCATIONS) REGULATIONS 2015

2015 No. 955

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The purpose of this instrument is to revoke three instruments related to the defunct Milk Marketing Board.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This instrument will revoke three regulations relating to the defunct Milk Marketing Board.

4.2 The Milk Marketing Board was abolished in October 1994. The Residuary Milk Marketing Board (RMMB) was formed to deal with outstanding matters and discharge liabilities. The RMMB was dissolved on 31 January 2002. As the Board no longer exists these regulations are redundant and can be revoked. The three SIs regulate the management of the MMB.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This Order extends to England and Wales

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for farming, food and marine environment has made the following statement regarding Human Rights:

In my view the provisions of the Milk Marketing Board (England and Wales) (Revocations) Regulations 2015 are compatible with the Convention rights.

7. Policy background

7.1 As part of Defra's commitment to the Red Tape Challenge initiative a number of regulations were identified as redundant and suitable for revoking. This instrument is being made to revoke three of these relating to the Milk Marketing Board.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 These are legislative functions which require no outside consultation.

9. Guidance

9.1 No guidance or any other form of publicity is required as this instrument simply revokes redundant legislation.

10. Impact

10.1 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 There is no impact on small businesses as this instrument revokes redundant legislation.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 No monitoring will be conducted.

13. Contact

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