STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE

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The Northern Pennines Rural Development Board (Dissolution) Order 1971

Made - - -	10*th February* 1971
Laid before Parliament	18*th February* 1971
Coming into Operation	31*st March* 1971

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in exercise of the power conferred on him by subparagraphs (1)(*b*) and (3) of paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 5 to the Agriculture Act 1967(**a**) (as having effect under section 45(5) of that Act), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows :—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Northern Pennines Rural Development Board (Dissolution) Order 1971 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Act" means the Agriculture Act 1967 ;

"the Board" means the Northern Pennines Rural Development Board established by the Northern Pennines Rural Development Board Order 1969(**b**), and "the Board area" has the meaning assigned to it in article 2(1) of that Order ;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Dissolution of the Board

3.—(1) On the coming into operation of this order the Board shall be dissolved, and accordingly the Board area shall thereupon cease to be a Rural Development Board area for the purposes of the Act or any other enactment.

(2) The provisions contained in the Schedule to this order, being provisions which appear to the Minister expedient in consequence of and incidental to the dissolution of the Board, shall have effect.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th February 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(**a**) 1967 c. 22.
(**b**) S.I. 1969/1095 (1969 III, p. 3184).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL PROVISIONS

Transfer of assets and liabilities

1.—(1) On the coming into operation of this order the property, rights, obligations and liabilities of the Board shall, by virtue of this order and without further assurance, be transferred to the Minister.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, where an applicant has served notice on the Board under subsection (6) of section 49 of the Act requiring the Board to purchase an estate or interest in respect of which consent to its transfer has been previously refused by the Board under that section, subsections (7) and (8) thereof shall have effect as if for each reference therein to the Board there were substituted a reference to the Minister.

Matters pending under sections 49 and 52 of the Act

2.—(1) Any application pending for consent to the transfer of land in the Board area made under section 49 of the Act, and any application pending for a licence to plant trees in the Board area made under section 52 of the Act, shall lapse.

(2) Any refusal of such consent under section 49 of the Act, and any refusal of such a licence under section 52 of the Act, made before the coming into operation of this order shall, subject to paragraph 1(2) above, cease to have effect; and insofar as any licence under the last-mentioned section was granted subject to conditions the conditions shall cease to have effect.

(3) Any appeal pending to the Minister against refusal of consent under section 49 of the Act, and any appeal pending to the Minister against refusal, or against the conditions, of a licence under section 52 of the Act, shall lapse.

(4) The lapse, in consequence of the dissolution of the Board by virtue of this order, of any consent under section 49 of the Act, and any licence under section 52 of the Act, shall not render unlawful any action which would but for this order be unlawful under either of those sections without such a consent or licence.

Cancellation of local land charges

3. On the dissolution of the Board by virtue of this order any entry registered by any local authority within the Board area pursuant to section 45(6) of the Act, controlling sales of land and controlling afforestation within that area, shall be cancelled by the proper officer of that authority.

Board's annual report and accounts

4. The Board's financial year current on the date of the dissolution of the Board by virtue of this order shall be deemed to end on that date, and section 53 of the Act (Board's annual reports and accounts) shall have effect accordingly.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order dissolves the Northern Pennines Rural Development Board established under Part III of the Agriculture Act 1967, and contains consequential and incidental provisions.