EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to prescribe the circumstances in which unlawful discrimination in relation to employment under that Order applies to seafarers on ships and hovercraft.

The Order provides that it is not unlawful to differentiate in relation to pay where a person applied for work as a seafarer outside Northern Ireland or was recruited as a seafarer outside Northern Ireland and is not a British citizen or a national of another EEA State or designated state (Article 5).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect this Order will have on business costs in Northern Ireland has been placed in the library of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Copies may be obtained from the Equality Directorate, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, Room E3.18, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SR.