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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, amend the Beet Seeds Regulations 1993, S.I.1993/2006 (“the principal Regulations”), as amended by S.I. 1997/616 and 1999/1861.

The amendments to principal Regulations give effect to Council Directive 98/95/EC (O.J. No. L 25, 1.2.99, p.1) in respect of the consolidation of the internal market, genetically modified plant resources and plant genetic resources and Council Directive 98/96/EC (O.J. No. L 5, 1.2.99, p.27) amending, as regards unofficial field inspections, directives in respect of the marketing of seeds and the common catalogue of varieties of vegetable plant species. The directives in respect of the marketing of seeds amended by Council Directive 98/95/EC and Council Directive 98/96/EC include Council Directive 66/400/EEC (O.J. No. L 25, 11.7.66, p.2290) on the marketing of beet seed (last amended by Council Directive 98/96/EC).

These amending Regulations–

- (a) amend definitions in the principal Regulations, including the definitions of “marketing” and “official examination” and remove the definition of small packages (regulation 4);
- (b) include provision in relation to marketing and marketing authorisations, tests and trials, seed as grown, selection work and other scientific purposes; and make consequential amendments to regulation 4 (regulations 5 and 6);
- (c) include in regulation 5 provision in relation to the marketing of genetically modified beet seeds (regulation 7);
- (d) amend regulations 8 and 9 to remove provisions in respect of small packages and amend regulation 9 to make provision for genetically modified varieties (regulations 7 and 8); and
- (e) amend Schedule 6 to make provision in relation to official examination of imported seeds and amend provisions in respect of small packages (regulation 9).