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EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules replace with amendments the rules of procedure for the Plant Varieties and Seeds Tribunal, which was formerly known as the Plant Variety Rights Tribunal. The main changes from the earlier rules are in rules 15 to 18: these Rules take account of the regulations, specified in rule 2(1) (made under Part II of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964, as amended by the European Communities Act 1972), which have conferred rights of appeal to the tribunal in relation to the agricultural and forestry plants which may be marketed and to the registration of seed merchants, packers and processors.