EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 1982 (as amended).

These Regulations validate applications for the entry of varieties of seed on a National List, and the subsequent entry of such varieties on the List, where those applications were not accompanied by test and trial results as required by regulation 11(3) of the 1982 Regulations (see regulation 2(2)). Regulation 11(3) is itself revoked (see regulation 2(3)).

They also provide for tests and trials conducted by or on behalf of the Ministers or by the National Institute of Agricultural Botany to be treated as tests and trials for the purposes of regulation 11(1) of the 1982 Regulations (see regulation 2(4)).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for these Regulations and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Plant Variety Rights Office and Seeds Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, White House Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0LF.