## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

**1.** These Regulations amend the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 (the 1995 Regulations).

**2.** They amend regulations 14 and 22 of and Schedule 12 to the 1995 Regulations, so as to confine religious slaughter, in the case of animals, to licensed slaughterhouses and in the case of birds to slaughterhouses as defined in the 1995 Regulations.

**3.** The amendments made by these regulations give effect to article 9(1) of Council Directive 93/119/EC on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter or killing (OJNo. L340, 31.12.93, p.12).