EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Scotland) Order 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/613) and the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2517) to introduce emergency measures to prevent the introduction and spread of *Thaumetopoea processionea* L. (the Oak Processionary Moth) into Scotland which is part of a protected zone (recognised for the purposes of Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community) for this harmful plant pest It amends the technical requirements that must be satisfied when bringing in certain plants of *Quercus* L., intended for planting, into or when moving those plants within Scotland.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.