
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, are made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and amend the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (EEC Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (“the principal Regulations”) (S.R. 1995/33, amended by S.R. 1995/461).

The Regulations specify maximum levels of pesticides residues which may be left in crops, food and feeding stuffs in implementation of Council Directives 95/38/EC (O.J. No. L197, 22.8.95, p. 14), 95/39/EC (O.J. No. L197, 22.8.95, p. 29) and 95/61/EC (O.J. No. L292, 7.12.95, p. 27): Directives 95/38/EC and 95/39/EC set Community maximum residue levels for the pesticides concerned for the first time and Directive 95/61/EC sets Community maximum residue levels in substitution for levels (known as open positions) which were set for the pesticides concerned by Council Directive 93/58/EEC (O.J. No. L211, 23.8.93, p. 6) (regulations 3, 5 and 6).

Additionally, the Regulations—

- (a) correct an error in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (regulation 4); and
- (b) in implementation of Directive 95/38/EC, add spices to the list of groups of products to which Community maximum residue levels apply (regulation 7).

Maximum levels in these Regulations which are followed by * will, when inserted into Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations, connect with the explanation of that symbol given there.