EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 as amended ("the principal Regulations") and implement as respects Northern Ireland—

- (a) in so far as it relates to farmed and pet animals, Article 8(a) of Council Directive 96/25/ EC on the circulation of feed materials, amending Directives 70/524/EEC, 74/63/EEC, 82/471/EEC and 93/74/EEC and repealing Directive 77/101/EEC (O.J. No. L125, 23.5.96, p. 35);
- (b) in so far as it relates to farmed and pet animals, Article 5(2)(a) of Council Directive 1999/29/EC (O.J. No. L115, 4.5.99, p. 32), on the undesirable substances and products in animal nutrition which provision is substituted for that contained in Article 18 of Council Directive 95/69/EC (O.J. No. L332, 30.12.95, p. 15); and
- (c) Annexes I and II of Council Directive 1999/29/EC, which are substituted for Annexes I and II of Commission Directive 97/8/EC (O.J. No. L48, 19.2.97, p. 22).

In addition to making minor and drafting changes, the Regulations amend the principal Regulations by—

- (a) substituting, for the references in regulation 15 and Schedule 5 to "straight feeding stuffs" and "ingredients", references to "feed materials" so as to replicate the references to "feed materials" in Articles 2(b), 3, 5, 7 and 12(3) of Council Directive 1999/29/EC (regulations 4(a) and (b) and 5);
- (b) adding a new Chapter, designated "Chapter B", in Part II of Schedule 5, and consequentially placing existing entries in that Part under the heading "Chapter A" (regulation 5(b));
- (c) modifying the provisions in regulation 15(4) relating to sale etc. of ingredients (now redesignated "feed materials") specified in Part II of Schedule 5, as regards the identities of the feed materials concerned and of those to whom they may be supplied (regulation 4(a)); and
- (d) deleting regulation 15(8), which exempted from regulation 15(1) to (5) certain categories of substance (regulation 4(c)).