EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations implement in Northern Ireland restrictions on imports and exports of certain animals and animal products in accordance with Commission Decision 2001/316/EC and Commission Decision 2001/318/EC amending Commission Decision 2001/172/EC concerning certain protection measures with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom (O.J. No. L94, 3.4.2001, p. 27).

They regulate the export of biungulates, fresh meat, meat products, milk, milk products and other animal products. They contain powers of inspectors, and provisions relating to illegal consignments.

Breach of the Regulations is an offence for which penalties are prescribed under regulation 22.

Certificates issued in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland are valid under these Regulations (regulation 20).