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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 70**

**PLANT HEALTH**

**The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made* - - - - *13th February 2003*

*Coming into operation* *10th March 2003*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, and shall come into operation on 10th March 2003.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Amendment of the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

2.—(1) The Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(4) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In the Schedule, under the column headed “*Instrument*”, after “Commission Decision 2001/664/EC”, there shall be added “Commission Decision 2002/903/EC”(5) and under the column headed “*Reference*”, after “O.J. No. L233, 31.8.01, p. 49”, there shall be added “O.J. No. L312, 15.11.02, p. 28”.

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(1) S.I.2000/2812

(2) 1972 c. 68

(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(4) S.R. 1998 No. 107, as amended by S.R. 1999 No. 212, S.R. 2000 No. 108, S.R. 2001 No. 32 and S.R. 2002 No. 246

(5) O.J. No. L312, 15.11.2002, p. 28

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations implement in Northern Ireland Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) (O.J. No. L312, 15.11.2002, p. 28) amending Commission Decision [96/301/EC](#) (“the principal Decision”) (O.J. No. L115, 9.5.1996, p. 47) authorising Member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt. They do so by adding Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) to the list of instruments amending the principal Decision contained in the Schedule to the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 ([S.R. 1998 No. 107](#)) (regulation 2). Decision [2002/903/EC](#) renews the framework within which potatoes may be imported from Egypt into the territory of the European Community for the [2002/2003](#) season.

*Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith is now referred to as *Ralstonia solanacearum* Smith (Yabuuchi) et al. (see Council Directive [98/57/EC](#) (O.J. No. L235, 21.9.1998)).