EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke the Potatoes Originating in the Netherlands (Notification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 1).

The 1999 Regulations required a person intending to land in Northern Ireland potatoes grown in 1998 in the Netherlands to give to an inspector, at least two days prior notification of that intention and to provide a specified information about those potatoes, and provided plant health inspectors with powers to check compliance with and enforce the Regulations. They also prescribed a fee where a sample of seed potatoes was taken in exercise of those powers for the purpose of ascertaining whether the potatoes were infected with *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith. These Regulations are now of no practical effect as potatoes originating in the Netherlands and grown in 1998 are no longer traded.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.