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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st April 2000, amend the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1997 (S.I.1997/733).

They remove the Shetlands Islands from the definition of the Scottish Islands area in which particular milk quota arrangements apply (regulation 4).

They implement Council Regulation (EC) No. 1256/1999 (O.J. No. L160, 26.6.1999, p.73) by extending the deadline for the temporary transfer of milk quota from 31st December to 31st March (regulation 7).

Changes are made to the dates by which notices etc. are required to be submitted to the Intervention Board (regulations 5 and 6).

In addition, the Regulations provide that the classes of persons who are required to render reasonable assistance to authorised officers, include purchasers, employees and agents of producers and purchasers, milk hauliers and persons undertaking butterfat testing for purchasers in a laboratory. They align this with the premises in respect of which powers of entry may be exercised (regulation 8).