EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, amend the provisions of the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.S.I. 2000/22) ("the Consolidated Regulations").

The Regulations specify maximum levels of pesticide residues which crops, food and feeding stuffs may contain in implementation of Commission Directives 2000/24/EC (O.J. No. L 107, 4.5.00 p.28), 2000/42/EC (O.J. No. L 158, 30.6.00 p.51), 2000/48/EC (O.J. No. L 197, 3.8.00 p.26), 2000/57/EC (O.J. No. L 244, 29.9.00 p.76) and 2000/58/EC (O.J. No. L 244, 29.9.00 p.78) and amend Community maximum residue levels which have been set previously (regulation 2(2) and (5)).

Additionally, the Regulations remove certain maximum levels which were included in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Consolidated Regulations and which have been replaced by the Community maximum residue levels now included in Part 2 of that Schedule (regulation 2(4)).

Further residue definitions are also introduced (regulation 2(3)).

The Regulations amend Schedule 3 to the Consolidated Regulations introducing the new products "Papaya" and "Chilli peppers" to reflect the categories specified in Directives 2000/42/EC and 2000/24/EC respectively (regulation 2(6)).