EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, amend the Food (Brazil Nuts) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/396) ("the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations implemented Commission Decision 2003/493/EC imposing special conditions on the import of Brazil Nuts in shell originating in or consigned from Brazil (O.J. No. L 168, 5.7.03, p.33).

Regulations 2(2) to (5) and (9)(a) correct minor errors in the principal Regulations. Regulations 2(6), (7) and (9)(b) transfer offence provisions from regulation 9 of the principal Regulations and consolidate these provisions with the substantive provisions to which they relate in regulations 6 and 7 of the principal Regulations. Regulation 2(8) and (9)(b) transfer provisions as to the costs of storage to regulation 8 from regulation 9 of the principal Regulations and clarify the provisions as to costs of re-dispatch or destruction under regulations 6 and 7 of the principal Regulations.

This instrument is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of the principal Regulations. No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in relation to these Regulations.