

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (“the principal Regulations”). The amendments come into force on 18th March 2004.

Regulation 14(3)(e) of the principal Regulations is amended so that authorised persons are permitted to inspect and verify that environmental controls have been complied with as well as usual good farming practices (regulation 2(2)).

Regulation 18 of the principal Regulations is amended to clarify that Schedule 8 applies to agency arrangements and cross-border holdings (regulation 2(3)).

A minor amendment is made to Schedule 2 of the principal Regulations to update a legislative reference (regulation 2(4)).

Schedule 9 of the principal Regulations is replaced to correct minor errors in the boundary definition of the original description of the Cowal Peninsula (regulation 2(5)).