EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, further amend the provisions of the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 ("the principal Regulations").

The Regulations implement Commission Directive 2003/113/EC (O.J. L 324, 11.12.03, p.24) as amended by Corrigendum to Commission Directive 2003/113/EC O.J. No. L 104, 8.4.04, p.135 (which superceded Corrigendum to Commission Directive 2003/113/EC, O.J. No. L 98, 2.4.04, p.61) and Commission Directive 2004/2/EC (O.J. No. L 14, 21.1.04, p.10) as amended by Corrigendum to Commission Directive 2004/2/EC (O.J. No. L 28, 31.1.04, p.30).

The Regulations substitute the maximum residue level for residues of the pesticide Benalaxyl on lettuce (regulation 2(4)(a)) to implement Commission Directive 2000/42/EC (O.J. No. L 158, 30.6.00, p.51).

With effect from 1st August 2004 new maximum residue levels are set for residues of the pesticide Fenamiphos (regulation 2(2) and 2(4)(b) and Schedule 1) to implement Commission Directive 2004/2/EC, as amended.

With effect from 4th June 2005 new maximum residue levels are set for residues of the pesticides Cyazofamid, 2,4 - DB, Ethoxysulfuron, Foramsulfuron, Imazamox, Linuron, Oxadiargyl, Oxasulfuron and Pendimethalin (regulation 2(3) and 2(4)(c) and Schedule 1) to implement Commission Directive 2003/113/EC, as amended.

The Regulations also update the definition of "Residue Directives" in the principal Regulations (by substituting Schedule 5 to the principal Regulations) to incorporate Commission Directive 2003/113/EC, Corrigenda to Commission Directive 2003/113/EC, Commission Directive 2004/2/EC and Corrigendum to Commission Directive 2004/2/EC (regulation 2(5) and Schedule 2).

Regulation 3 makes consequential revocations.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been produced in relation to these Regulations.