

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends the scope of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in two ways as from 1st October 1993. First, it extends the definition of “a protected animal” for the purposes of the Act to include *Octopus vulgaris* from the time at which it becomes capable of independent feeding. Secondly, it adds quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) to the list of animals in Schedule 2 to that Act (Animals to be obtained only from designated breeding or supplying establishments). The addition of quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) to Schedule 2 implements a requirement of Article 21 of Council Directive No. [86/609/EEC](#) (OJ No. L 358, 18.12.86, p.1.) on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes.