EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Bovine Products (Despatch to other Member States) Regulations 1996.

Those Regulations implemented in part Commission Decision 96/239/EC on emergency measures to protect against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, as amended by Commission Decision 96/362/EC, in relation to the despatch to other member States of meat and other products from bovine animals slaughtered outside the United Kingdom.

These Regulations additionally make provision for the control of the production of gelatin from bovine animals.

A Compliance Cost Assessment has been prepared and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Animal Health (BSE) Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Government Buildings, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NF.