EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/944) to add a further pathogen (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus genotype 2) to the Part 1 list in Schedule 1. The power to seize this specified pathogen will not apply as the resulting disease is not one that is covered by a slaughter requirement under the Animal Health Act 1981.

This Order has been notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC (provision of information in the field of technical standards), as amended by Directive 98/48/EC.

A full impact assessment has been prepared and placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. It is available on the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Specified Animal Pathogens (Amendment) Order 2009.