

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) (“the 2018 Act”) (in particular under section 8(2)(a), (c), (d), (f) and (g)) in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations amend EU retained legislation relating to imports of animals, animal germinal and other products. They also amend domestic legislation applying in England and Northern Ireland relating to importation fees for animals and animal related products.

General transitional and saving provision is also made by these Regulations to enable the continued use of model forms of certificate as provided for in EU law as it had effect before exit day on or after that day for transitional purposes.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.