EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends, as regards Wales, the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 ("the 1983 Order") (S.I. 1983/1950, as last amended as regards Wales by S.I. 2001/2813 (W.242)). The following amendments are made to the 1983 Order.

Articles 20(1), 21(1), 32(1) and 33(1) are amended to remove the requirement in an infected or controlled area for the licensing of the movement of carcases, animal products, manure, slurry or litter out of hunt kennels for disposal under the Animal By-Products Order (S.I. 1999/646, as amended), the Specified Risk Material Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/2964, as amended) or the Specified Risk Material Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/2965, as amended). Articles 20(1)(a) and 32(1)(a) are also amended to allow the movement of such things out of hunt kennels for other purposes under the authority of a licence issued by an inspector;

Article 29A(2)(a) is amended to allow the inclusion of persons authorised by the occupier of any land in an infected area in a shooting party on that land;

From 4th September 2001 Article 29A(2)(b) is amended to allow the shooting or attempted shooting in an infected area of any birds under a licence issued by a veterinary inspector;

Articles 29B and 35 are amended to prohibit the holding in an infected or controlled area of a gathering of people on any premises in connection with the sale of any animal at which more than two people (other than the owner or person in charge of the animal and his or her representatives) are present, except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister.

A regulatory appraisal has not been prepared for this Order.