
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement in Wales Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) (OJNo. L312, 15.11.02, p. 28) amending Commission Decision [96/301/EC](#) (“the principal Decision”) (OJ No. L115, 9.5.1996, p.47) authorising member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt. They do so by adding Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) to the list of instruments amending the principal Decision contained in the Schedule to the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations 1998 ([SI 1998/201](#)) (regulation 2). Decision [2002/903/EC](#) renews the framework within which potatoes may be imported from Egypt into the territory of the European Community for the 2002/2003 season.

Pseudomonas solanacearum (Smith) Smith is now referred to as *Ralstonia solanacearum* Smith (Yabuuchi) et al. (see Council Directive [98/57/EC](#) (OJ No. L235, 21.9.1998)).

No Regulatory Appraisal has been carried out in respect of the extension of these controls to the 2002/2003 season.