## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 ("the principal Order"), in relation to Scotland, so as to implement-

(1) Commission Directive 2002/36/EC (O.J. No. L 116, 3.5.02, p.16) and Commission Directive 2003/22/EC (O.J. No. L 78, 25.3.03, p.10), which amend certain Annexes to Council Directive 2000/29/EC (O.J. No. L 169, 10.7.00, p.1) on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community; and

(2) Commission Directive 2003/21/EC (O.J. No. L 78, 25.3.03, p.8), which amends some protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community in Commission Directive 2001/32/EC (O.J. No. L 127, 9.5.01, p38).

The principal changes introduced by this Order, which comes into force on 1st April 2003, are the-

- (a) addition of *Anoplophora glabripennis* (article 2(3)(a)), *Naupactus leucoloma* (article 2(3)
  (b)) and *Anisogramma anomala* (article 2(7)) to the list of plant pests whose introduction into and spread within Great Britain is banned. It introduces specific measures for the import of *Corylus* from Canada and the United States (article 2(12)(a));
- (b) restriction of the provisions on *Liriomyza bryoniae* to the protected zones of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland (articles 2(4), 2(5) and 2(19)(b));
- (c) restriction of the provisions on *Liriomyza huidobrensis* and *Liriomyza trifolii* to a list of host plants (articles 2(4) and 2(8));
- (d) introduction and extension of plant passport and phytosanitary certificate requirements for certain plants or plant products in respect of *Bemisia tabaci, Liriomyza sativae, Amauromyza maculosa, Liriomyza huidobrensis, Liriomyza trifolii* and *Thrips palmi* (articles 2(12)(b) to (f), 2(13), 2(14)(f), 2(15), 2(16)(b) and 2(17)(b) and (c));
- (e) amendment of the provisions against Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (articles 2(14)(b) and (c), 2(14)(e), (14)(g) to (j), 2(16)(a) and 2(18));
- (f) addition of South Africa to the list of countries where *Tilletia indica* is known to occur (article 2(12)(g) and 2(17)(a));
- (g) amendment of the protected zones established under Council Directive 2000/29/EC. The principal changes to the protected zones are the removal of certain areas in the county of Skåne in Sweden from the protected zone in respect of *Beet necrotic yellow vein virus* (known as rhizomania) (articles 2(6), 2(14)(b) and (c), 2(14)(e), 2(14)(h) to (j) and 2(21)), and redefinition of Italian protected zones in respect of the bacterium *Erwinia amylovora* (known as fireblight) (articles 2(10), 2(11), 2(14)(d) and 2(20));
- (h) restriction of a protected zone for *Gonipterus scutellatus* to Portugal (Azores) (articles 2(9), 2(14)(a) and 2(19)(a));
- (i) inclusion of a definition of relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and details of their availability (article 2(2)(b)).

The Order makes other minor corrections and improvements to the principal Order.