

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Regulations require that any person licensed to keep a petshop must comply with the conditions laid down in the Schedule unless they have been temporarily exempted by the Department from complying with any of the requirements of the first paragraph thereof.

As these regulations ensure that all animals kept for sale as pets are kept in suitable accommodation with adequate arrangements for exercise, protection and welfare of the animals, these regulations have been notified to the European Commission in accordance with Article 12 of Directive [98/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22nd June 1998.