EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, further amend the provisions of the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 ("the principal Regulations").

The Regulations update the definition of "Residue Directives" in the principal Regulations to incorporate—

- (a) Commission Directive 2001/39/EC (O.J. No. L 148, 1.6.01, p.70);
- (b) Commission Directive 2001/48/EC (O.J. No. L 180, 3.7.01, p.26); and
- (c) Commission Directive 2001/57/EC (O.J. No. L 208, 1.8.01, p.36) (regulation 2 (2) and Schedule 1).

The maximum level for iprodione on spring onions is amended to reflect Commission Directive 1998/82/EC and the maximum level for spiroxamine on liver and kidney is amended to reflect Commission Directive 2000/81/EC (regulation 2(3)).

The Regulations specify maximum levels of pesticide residues which crops, food and feeding stuffs may contain in implementation of Commission Directives 2001/39/EC, 2001/48/EC, 2001/57/EC (regulation 2 (4) and Schedule 2).

The Regulations make a consequential amendment (regulation 3).