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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under section 13(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990 in consequence of it appearing to the Scottish Ministers that the importation into Scotland of star anise consigned from certain third countries which are not member States of the European Community may involve imminent risk of injury to health.

The Order implements Commission Decision [2002/75/EC](#) imposing special conditions on the import from third countries of star anise (O.J. No. L 33, 2.2.02, p.31).

The Order—

- (a) prohibits the importation of “star anise for human consumption” (as defined in article 2) except where it is accompanied by health certificates completed by the competent authority of the exporting third country and a report on the results of official sampling and analysis, the importation takes place only through specified points of entry and the consignment is identified with a code corresponding with that specified on the health certificate and in the sampling and analysis results (article 3(1));
- (b) prohibits the importation of “Japanese star anise” (as defined in article 2) intended for human consumption or which is not labelled to the effect that it is unfit for such use (article 3(3));
- (c) specifies the enforcement authorities (article 4); and
- (d) applies, with modifications, provisions of the 1990 Act (article 5).

Contravention of the Order is an offence under section 13(2) of the Food Safety Act 1990.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in relation to this Order.