EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 ("the principal Order"). It reduces the 20 day standstill period on the movement of animals contained in articles 3, 4 and 5 of the principal Order to a 13 day period. In addition, consequential amendments are required to articles 4A and 5(5), and there is a need for a consequential revocation to article 2(2)(b) of the Disease Control and Animal Movements (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2002.

The controls contained in the principal Order have effect in relation to cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals. Where the movement of pigs is subject to the Pigs (Records Identification and Movement) Order 1995 (S.I.1995/11 as amended), a 20 day standstill period will remain in force.

A breach of the terms of the principal Order or of a licence issued thereunder constitutes an offence under the Animal Health Act 1981.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order.