

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular the deficiencies referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 8(2)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Parts 2 and 3 make amendments to legislation relating to animal health and welfare, and animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products including alien and locally absent species in aquaculture.

Parts 4 and 5, which apply in relation to the marketing of seed, plant and plant propagating material, including seed potatoes and forest reproductive material, make provision for certain functions of the European Commission of a legislative character to be exercisable instead by the Secretary of State, the Welsh Ministers or the Scottish Ministers.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, public or voluntary sector is foreseen.