

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 so as to implement Commission Decision [98/109/EC](#) (OJNo. L27, 3.2.98, p. 47) authorising member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Thrips palmi* Karny as regards Thailand. It applies to consignments of cut flowers of Orchidaceae (cut orchid flowers) which left Thailand after 9th February 1998.

The Order, which comes into force on 25th February 1998, introduces the requirement that imports of such orchid flowers must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (article 2(3)) which contains certain information about steps taken with regard to *Thrips palmi* Karny (article 2(2)).

The Order also makes a minor consequential amendment to the 1993 Order (article 2(4)).