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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 ([S.I. 2005/3286](#)) (“the principal Regulations”).

The Regulations implement Commission Directives [2006/62/EC](#) (OJNo. L206, 27.7.2006, p.27) and [2006/92/EC](#) (OJ No. L311, 10.11.2006, p.31).

The Regulations come into force on 11 May 2007 and 21st January 2008.

The Regulations substitute or insert:

- (a) new residue definition for certain pesticides in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations which identifies the pesticide residues that are taken into account in the measuring of residue levels for each pesticide; and
- (b) new maximum residue levels for certain pesticides in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) was prepared in 2005 when the principal Regulations were previously consolidated and provides a basis for establishing the impact of amendments to the principal Regulations of the kind made by these Regulations. A consultation in 2003 indicated that compliance costs were virtually unchanged from those quoted in the 1999 RIA. Copies of the assessment can be obtained from the Pesticides Safety Directorate, Room 308, Mallard House, Kings Pool, 3 Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PX or via the website [www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk). Copies have been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.