
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) Regulations 2002 ([S.I. 2002/3026](#)) (“the Principal Regulations”) in relation to England and Scotland.

The amendments set out the revised requirements which apply in England and Scotland in relation to forest reproductive material produced in countries outside the European Union and:

- (a) implement in relation to England and Scotland Council [Decision 2008/971/EC](#) on the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in third countries (OJ No L 345, 23.12.2008, p83), as amended by Decision No. 1104/2012/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L 328, 28.11.2012, p1); and
- (b) implement in full the derogation permitted by Commission [Decision 2008/989/EC](#) authorising Member States, in accordance with Council [Directive 1999/105/EC](#), to take decisions on the equivalence of the guarantees afforded by forest reproductive material to be imported from certain third countries (OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p55).

Regulation 3(b) provides for the references to Council [Decision 2008/971/EC](#) in the Principal Regulations to be read as references to that instrument as amended from time to time.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on business, or the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. The Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument is available alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) (Amendment) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2014.