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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 2197**

**The Fertilisers Regulations 1991**

**Title, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fertilisers Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st November 1991.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, these Regulations shall not apply in relation to any material, not designated as an EEC fertiliser, sold or offered for sale before—

- (a) 1st June 1992 in the case of any solid material sold or offered for sale loose or in containers having a capacity greater than 25 kilograms or, in the case of any fluid material, sold or offered for sale in containers having a capacity greater than 10 litres;
- (b) 1st February 1993 in the case of any solid material sold or offered for sale in containers having a capacity of or less than 25 kilograms or, in the case of any fluid material, sold or offered for sale in containers having a capacity of or less than 10 litres;

and in relation to any such material the Fertilisers Regulations 1990 shall continue to apply.

(3) The Fertilisers Regulations 1990 shall not apply to any material not designated as an EEC fertiliser, in relation to which paragraph (2) above would otherwise apply, if that material complies with the requirements of these Regulations.

(4) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Agriculture Act 1970;

“chelating agent” means any product listed in table 2 in Schedule 2;

“herbicide” means a substance calculated to destroy or control any unwanted plant;

“pesticide” means a substance calculated to destroy or control any insect, mite, mollusc, nematode, fungus or any other pest capable of destroying, damaging or retarding the growth of any form of plant life;

“secondary nutrient” means calcium, magnesium, sodium or sulphur;

“trace element” means boron, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum or zinc.

(5) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered regulation or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the regulation or Schedule bearing that number in these Regulations.

(6) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered section shall, unless the reference is to a section of a specified Act, be construed as a reference to the section bearing that number in the Act.