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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Genetically Modified Organisms (Modification of Article 9 of the 1991 Order) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made 12th April 1994

Coming into operation 1st June 1994

The Department of the Environment, being a Department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to measures relating to the control and regulation of genetically modified organisms and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as The Genetically Modified Organisms (Modification of Article 9 of the 1991 Order) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1994.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations “the 1991 Order” means the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(c).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Modification of Article 9 of the 1991 Order

3. In Article 9(1) of the 1991 Order (consents: limitations and conditions) the words after “as it may think fit” shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on
12th April 1994.

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(a) S.I. 1991/755

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) S.I. 1991/1714 (N.I. 19)

(d) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations amend paragraph (1) of Article 9 of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 in so far as that paragraph offends against Article 4.1 of Council Directive 90/220/EEC (O.J. No. L117, 8.5.90, p. 15) on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms.

The effect of the amendment is to provide that limitations and conditions on consents granted by the Department may *inter alia* be imposed solely for the purpose of securing the health of persons at work.

Copies of the Directive and extracts from the Official Journal of the European Communities may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.