

SCHEDULE 1

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) after the definition of “activity involving genetic modification” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““the Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992, as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 and adopted as respects the United Kingdom by the European Economic Area Act 1993(1);”,
 - (ii) after the definition of “the Department” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““the European Economic Area” means the Area referred to in the Agreement;”,
 - (iii) after the definition of “genetic modification safety committee” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““member State” means a State which is a Contracting Party to the Agreement;”, and
 - (iv) for the definition of “organism” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““organism” means a biological entity capable of replication or transferring genetic material and includes a micro-organism, but does not include a human or a human embryo;”; and
 - (b) for paragraph (2), there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(2) Genetically modified organisms shall be classified—

 - (a) in the case of micro-organisms—
 - (i) as Group I micro-organisms if they satisfy all of the criteria set out in Part I of Schedule 2, or
 - (ii) as Group II micro-organisms if they do not satisfy all of the said criteria; or
 - (b) in the case of genetically modified organisms other than micro-organisms, as satisfying the criteria set out in Part II of Schedule 2 if they so satisfy those criteria.”.