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PLANT HEALTH

**The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2008**

Made - - - - - *14th March 2008*

Coming into operation - - - - - *25th April 2008*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(a), being a Department designated(b) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act (1972)(c) in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 25th April 2008.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” refers to the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(d).

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(e) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with paragraph 2.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation) in paragraph (2), for the definition of “the Decision” substitute—

““the Decision” means Commission Decision 2004/4/EC as amended by Commission Decision 2007/842/EC(f) authorising Member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt, which repeals Commission Decision 96/301/EC.”

Revocation

3. The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(g) are revoked.

(a) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1), Article 3(4)
(b) S.I. 2000/2812
(c) 1972 c.68
(d) S.R. 2004 No.183
(e) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)
(f) O.J. No. L 332, 18.12.2007, p.80
(g) S.R. 2006 No.512

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 14th
March 2008.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004/183) (“the principal Regulations”) and revoke The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, authorising Member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith (now referred to as *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi et al.) as regards Egypt.

The Regulations amend the definition of “the Decision” in the principal Regulations so as to include the amendments effected by Commission Decision 2007/842/EC (regulation 2(2)). This Decision renews the framework within which potatoes may be imported from Egypt into the territory of the European Community during the 2007/2008 season.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the extension of these controls to the 2007/2008 season.