

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs using powers under section 2(2) of, and paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972 ([1972 c.68](#)).

The Regulations make miscellaneous minor amendments to legislation relating to pesticides, fertilisers, seed marketing, nitrates and genetically modified organisms, updating out of date references. The purpose of these Regulations is to ensure that references are correct and, in particular, that the amended provisions will operate effectively on exit day.

An impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as they provide for technical correction and updating which does not involve any policy changes or impact on the private or voluntary sector.