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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**PESTICIDES**

**The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.**

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The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup>.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is a Northern Ireland department designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Union and measures in the veterinary and phytosanitary fields for the protection of public health<sup>(2)</sup>.

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(1) 1972 c. 68. The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) with effect from exit day, but saved with modifications until IP completion day by section 1A of that Act (as inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1)). Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

(2) S.I. 2000/2812 and S.I. 1999/2027. By virtue of section 2(5) of the European Communities Act 1972, references in section 2(2) to a government department include a department of the Government of Northern Ireland.