

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements Council Directive [98/57/EC](#) on the control of *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi et al., (previously known as *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith) (“the organism”) by amending the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 (S.I. [1993/1320](#)) (“the principal Order”). The Order extends to Scotland only.

This Order—

- (a) introduces controls on planting seed potatoes and inserts a new Schedule 13A in the principal Order containing special measures for the control of the organism (articles 2 and 5);
- (b) provides for the demarcation of a zone for the control of the organism (article 3);
- (c) substitutes “*Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi et al.” for references in the principal Order to “*Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith” (article 4); and
- (d) introduces reference to Council Directive [98/57/EC](#) among the instruments referred to in the principal Order as amending or supplementing Council Directive [77/93/EEC](#) of 21st December 1976 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (article 6).