## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, further amend the provisions of the Cereal Seeds Regulations 1993 ("the cereal seeds Regulations") and the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations 1993 ("the fodder seeds Regulations").

The Regulations revoke the Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 which were defective (regulation 2).

The Regulations exempt certain types of seed marketed in bulk from the labelling and packaging requirements in the cereal seeds Regulations and the fodder seeds Regulations (regulations 3(2) to (4) and 4(2) to (4)). These are derogation's respectively from Council Directive 66/402/EEC (O.J. No. L 125, 11.7 66, p.2309) as amended and Council Directive 66/401/EEC (O.J. No. L 125, 11.7.66, p.2298/66) as amended. The derogation's are permitted by Council Directive 2001/64/EC.

The Regulations specify the conditions for the exemption, in implementation of Council Directive 2001/64/EC and Commission Decision 94/650/EC (O.J. No. L 234, 1.9.01 p.60) as relevantly amended by Commission Decision 1998/174/EC (O.J. No. L 63, 4.3.98, p.31) and Commission Decision 2000/441/EC (O.J. No. L 176, 15.7.00, p.50) (regulations 3(2), (5) and (6) and 4(2), (5) and (6)).