EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, further amend the Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.S.I. 2000/453, as already amended).

These Regulations implement Commission Directive 2003/7/EC amending the conditions for authorisation of canthaxanthin in feedingstuffs in accordance with Council Directive 70/524/EEC (O.J. No. L 22, 25.1.03, p.28).

These Regulations also provide for the enforcement of the following Community Regulations:—

- (a) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 871/2003 permanently authorising a new additive manganomanganic oxide in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 125, 21.5.03, p.3); and
- (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 877/2003 provisionally authorising the use of the acidity regulator "Benzoic acid" in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 126, 22.5.03, p.24).

These Regulations amend the Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Regulations 2000 by-

- (a) modifying the controls regulating the presence of additives in feedingstuffs by specifying new maximum levels in feed for the colourant canthaxanthin in Part II of the Table to Schedule 3 (regulation 2(a) and Schedule 1); and
- (b) adding two new Commission Regulations to the list of Commission Regulations under which authorisation for the marketing of feed additives has been granted which is contained in Part IX of the Table to Schedule 3 (regulation 2(b) and Schedule 2).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment, which includes a compliance assessment of the effect which these Regulations would have on business costs, has been prepared in relation to these Regulations and has been placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies can be obtained from the Food Standards Agency, 6th Floor, St Magnus House, 25 Guild Street, Aberdeen AB11 6NJ.