
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) (“the 2000 Regulations”).

These Regulations provide for the enforcement of the following Community Regulations:–

- (a) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2003 amending the conditions for authorisation of a number of additives in feedingstuffs belonging to the group of trace elements (O.J. No. L 187, 26.7.03, p.11) as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2112/2003 (O.J. No. L 317, 2.12.03, p.22);
- (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1801/2003 provisionally authorising the new use of a certain micro-organism in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 264, 15.10.03, p.16);
- (c) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1847/2003 concerning the provisional authorisation of a new use of an additive and the permanent authorisation of an additive already authorised in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 269, 21.10.03, p.3);
- (d) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2112/2003 correcting Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2003 amending the conditions for authorisation of a number of additives in feedingstuffs belonging to the group trace elements (O.J. No. L 317, 2.12.2003, p.22).
- (e) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2154/2003 provisionally authorising certain micro organisms in feedingstuffs (*Enterococcus faecium* and *Lactobacillus acidophilus*) (O.J. No. L 324, 11.12.2003, p.11).
- (f) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 277/2004 concerning the authorisation without a time limit of an additive in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 047, 18.2.2004, p.20).
- (g) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 278/2004 concerning provisional authorisation of a new use of an additive already authorised in feedingstuffs (O.J. No. L 047, 18.2.2004, p.22).
- (h) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 490/2004 provisionally authorising the new use of an additive already authorised in feedingstuffs (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) (O.J. No. L 079, 17.3.2004, p.23); (regulation 3 and Schedule 1).

These Regulations also implement Commission Directive 2003/57/EC amending Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on undesirable substances in animal feed (O.J. No. L 151, 19.6.03, p.38). They modify the controls in the 2000 Regulations regulating the presence of undesirable substances in animal feed by specifying new maximum levels for Dioxin in feed (regulation 4 and Schedule 2).

These Regulations also implement Commission Directive 2003/104/EC authorising isopropyl ester of the hydroxylated analogue of methionine (O.J. No. L 295, 13.11.03, p.83) by amending Schedule 8 to the 2000 Regulations so as to revise the conditions for the sale or possession for sale of analogues of methionine for use as a feeding stuff or as a protein source in a feeding stuff (regulation 5 and Schedule 3).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment, which includes a compliance assessment of the effect which these Regulations will 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.