## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the TSE (Scotland) Regulations 2002 (S.S.I. 2002/255 as already amended "the principal Regulations").

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations by bringing up to date the definition of "the Community Transitional Measures" in regulation 3(1) of that instrument so as to include the amendments of Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (O.J. No. L 147, 31.5.01, p.1) by–

- (a) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1494/2002 (O.J. No. L 225, 22.8.02, p.3);
- (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1139/2003 (O.J. No. L 160, 28.6.03, p.22); and
- (c) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1492/2004 (O.J. No. L 274, 24.8.04, p.3) (regulation 2(2).

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to Schedule 6A of the principal Regulations to reflect changes made to Annex VII of Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001 by the Commission Regulations referred to above (regulation 2(3)).

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect these Regulations will have on the costs of business has been prepared and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies may be obtained from the Food Standards Agency, 6th Floor, St Magnus House, 25 Guild Street, Aberdeen AB11 6NJ.