EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 12th June 2006, amend the Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 ("the 2005 Regulations"), which set fees payable to the Scottish Ministers for certain matters arising under the Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Regulations 2000. These Regulations substitute new fees for nuclear stock in paragraph 6 of the Schedule to the 2005 Regulations as follows (regulation 2)–

Matter			Old Fee	New Fee
Fees for nuclear stock–				
(a)	(a) initiation in the initiation (a)		£152.00 (6 microplants)	£159.00 (6 microplants)
(b)	(b) provision of in vitro maintained nuclear stock; and		£44.00 (6 microplants)	£46.00 (6 microplants)
(c)	(c) in maintenance nuclear stock.	vitro of	£62.00 annual fee (per variety)	£65.00 annual fee (per variety)

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.