EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

In addition to some minor and drafting amendments, these Regulations, which further amend the Cereal Seeds Regulations 1985 implement article 3.20 of Council Directive 88/380/EEC (OJ No. L187, 16.7.88, p.31) insofar as it amends article 15 of Council Directive 66/402/EEC (OJ No. L125, 11.7.66, p.2309/66) (OJ/SE 1965–66, p.143) (as amended) on the marketing of cereal seed to the extent that seeds produced and packaged but not officially certified in another Member State may be imported into the United Kingdom but shall not be marketed in the United Kingdom until they have been officially certified by or on behalf of the Minister (regulation 2(3)).

Article 3 of Council Directive 88/380/EEC is implemented insofar as it amends article 2 and Annexes I, II and III of Council Directive 66/402/EEC by adding triticale and hybrids of oats, barley, wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat and rye to the list of seeds to which the Regulations apply (regulation 2(2), (4), (5) and (6)).

Article 3.18 and 3.31–36 of Council Directive 88/380/EEC is implemented insofar as it amends article 14 and Annex IV of Council Directive 66/402/EEC by providing that the particulars relating to kind and variety of seed on official labels must be in roman characters and that the kind of seed must be designated by its Latin name (regulation 2(8)) and requiring the components of hybrid or inbred lines to be indicated on official labels (regulation 2(9)).