## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Fertilisers (Sampling and Analysis) Regulations 1991 ("the principal Regulations"). Regulation 3(1) and (2) modifies the method prescribed by regulation 2 of the principal Regulations for determining the amount of material from which a sample may be taken for the purpose of analysis. Regulation 3(3) amends regulation 6(2) of the principal Regulations (methods of analysis) so that reference is made to the Fertilisers Regulations 1991 and in particular to section E of the Table in Schedule 1 to those Regulations. Regulation 4 amends Schedules 2 and 3 to the principal Regulations, in particular—

- (a) in Part I of Schedule 2, by substituting for methods of analysis concerning magnesium a number of methods concerning calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulphur and sulphur in the form of sulphates;
- (b) in Part II of Schedule 2, by omitting the method of analysis concerning magnesium and adding a method concerning zinc;
- (c) by modifying the form of certificate in Schedule 3.

Regulation 4(1) and Schedules 1, 2 and 3, amending Part I of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations, implement Commission Directive 89/519/EEC (OJ No. L265, 12.9.89, p.30) supplementing and amending Directive 77/535/EEC (OJ No. L213, 22.8.77, p.1) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to methods of sampling and analysis of fertilisers.