## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993 so as to implement-

(a) the requirements of Commission Directive 93/106/EC (OJNo. L298, 3.12.93, p.34), which makes changes in Commission Directive 92/76/EEC (OJ No. L305, 21.10.92, p.12), and Commission Directive 93/110/EC (OJ No. L303, 10.12.93, p.19), which makes changes in Council Directive 77/93/EEC (OJ No. L26, 31.1.77, p.20) relating to certain protected zones, and

(b) Commission Directive 95/4/EC (OJ No. L44, 28.2.95, p.56), which makes changes in Council Directive 77/93/EEC relating to the disease Pseudomonas solanacearum and the pest Thrips palmi,

and to make provisions consequential upon the Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the plant health single market on 1 January 1995.

The definition of "plant" in article 2(1) is amended and certain deletions are made of items in the Schedules relating to forest trees to eliminate any overlap with the Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) Order 1993 (S.I.1993/1283).

An inspector may now require items (whether or not suspected of contamination) to be removed after importation to premises specified by him. This is to facilitate inspection (Article 9).

Minor corrections and improvements are also made.