EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st February 1996, supersede the Import (Plant Health Fees) (England and Wales) Order 1993, which is revoked by the Regulations.

The Regulations prescribe the fees applicable in England and Wales for licences under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1993, including fees for the new licences for trial or scientific purposes or for work on varietal selections introduced by the Plant Health (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1996. The structure of the fees that were previously prescribed by the Import (Plant Health Fees) (England and Wales) Order 1993 has been completely revised.

The effect of the fee restructuring is explained in a Compliance Cost Assessment, which has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. Copies of the Compliance Cost Assessment can be obtained from the Plant Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1–2 Peasholme Green, York YO1 2PX.