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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 2902**

**PLANT HEALTH, ENGLAND**

**The Potatoes Originating in Egypt  
(Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002**

*Made* - - - - *21st November 2002*  
*22nd November*  
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*Coming into force* - - *13th December 2002*

The Secretary of State, being designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Title, extent and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002, shall extend to England and Wales, and shall come into force on 13th December 2002.

**Amendment of the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations 1998**

2.—(1) The Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations 1998<sup>(3)</sup> shall be amended in their application to England in accordance with paragraph (2) below.

(2) In the Schedule, in the column headed “Instrument”, after “Commission Decision [2001/664/EC](#)”, there shall be added “Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#)”<sup>(4)</sup>, and in the column headed “Reference”, after “OJNo. L233, 31.8.01, p. 49”, there shall be added “OJ No. L312, 15.11.02, p. 28”.

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(1) S.I.1972/1811.

(2) 1972 c. 68.

(3) S.I. 1998/201, as amended by S.I. 1998/3167, SI 2000/22 and 2963, and 2001/3574.

(4) OJ No. L312, 15.11.02, p. 28.

21st November 2002

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations implement in England Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) (OJ L312, 15.11.02, p. 28) amending Commission Decision [96/301/EC](#) (“the principal Decision”) (OJ No. L115, 9.5.1996, p. 47) authorising member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt. They do so by adding Commission Decision [2002/903/EC](#) to the list of instruments amending the principal Decision contained in the Schedule to the Potatoes Originating in Egypt Regulations 1998 ([SI 1998/201](#)) (regulation 2). Decision [2002/903/EC](#) renews the framework within which potatoes may be imported from Egypt into the territory of the European Community for the 2002/2003 season.

*Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith is now referred to as *Ralstonia solanacearum* Smith (Yabuuchi) et al. (see Council Directive [98/57/EC](#) (OJ No. L235, 21.9.1998)).

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the extension of these controls to the 2002/2003 season.