

**2002 No. 2902**

**PLANT HEALTH, ENGLAND**

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

*Made* - - - - - *21st November 2002*

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The Secretary of State, being designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) 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(c) 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”(d), and in the column headed “Reference”, after “OJ No. L233, 31.8.01, p. 49”, there shall be added “OJ No. L312, 15.11.02, p. 28”.

*Michael Meacher*  
Minister of State,

21st November 2002

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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(a) S.I. 1972/1811.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

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

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

## 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.

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