EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Organic Products Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1604), which apply throughout the United Kingdom, and the Environmental Stewardship (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/621), which only apply in relation to England.

They update definitions of "the Council Regulation" to refer to the latest amending instrument, namely Commission Regulation (EC) No. 780/2006 (OJ No L 137, 25.05.2006, p.9). They also amend references to the Compendium of UK Organic Standards, July 2005 edition, so as to refer to the September 2006 Edition.

The Compendium of UK Organic Standards, September 2006 Edition, is published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and a copy can be inspected, during normal office hours, at Nobel House (Food Chain Competitiveness and Organic Division), Area 4D, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR (telephone 020 7238 5605; fax number 020 7238 6148; email organic.standards@defra.gsi.gov.uk; website www.defra.gov.uk/farm/organic).

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Stewardship (England) and Organic Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006.