EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No.6) Regulations 2007. The Regulations implement the Commission Decision of 19 November 2007 amending Decision 2007/554/EC concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom (not yet published in the Official Journal). The Commission Decision of 19 November 2007 extends the categories of, and areas from which, products derived from animals may exported.

They regulate-

- (a) the movement and export of live animals (regulations 3 and 4);
- (b) the export of meat from bovine, ovine caprine and porcine animals and other biungulates, (regulation 5);
- (c) the marking of meat not eligible for export (regulation 6);
- (d) the export of meat products, milk and dairy products (regulations 7, 8 and 9); and
- (e) the export of semen, ova or embryos of animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine or porcine species or other biungulates (regulation 10), hides and skins (regulation 11) and various animal products (regulation 12).

They create an offence of offering to export anything which it is prohibited to export under the Regulations (regulation 16).

They provide powers for enforcement, and powers for officers of Revenue and Customs (regulations 20 to 22) and create an offence of obstruction (regulation 23).

Breach of the Regulations is an offence, punishable with up to two years' imprisonment.

The Regulations are enforced by the Secretary of State or the local authority (regulation 28).

An impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations.