

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/3510) to implement, in part, Commission Directive 2009/74/EC amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/55/EC and 220/57/EC as regards the botanical names of plants, the scientific names of other organisms and certain Annexes to Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC and 2002/57/EC in light of developments of scientific and technical knowledge (OJ No L 166, 27.6.2009, p 40).

The Directive amends the botanical names of certain species listed in Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC and 2002/57/EC in order to reflect revisions to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. It also amends those Directives to take account of new classifications of certain subspecies as independent species.

These Regulations also add the vegetable species *Asparagus officinalis* L. and *Cichorium intybus* L. to the list of species to which the provisions of the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001 apply.

A transposition note is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available from the Food and Environment Research Agency, Whitehouse Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0LF.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Amendment) Regulations 2010.