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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which extends to England and Wales, varies Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69), which lists animals which may not be released or allowed to escape into the wild and plants which may not be planted or otherwise caused to grow in the wild.

Article 2(2) adds twenty-four new entries to Part 1 (animals which are established in the wild) of Schedule 9, and article 2(3) removes eight existing entries from that Part.

Article 2(4) adds thirty-nine new entries to Part 2 (plants) of Schedule 9. Amongst these, the new entry for Japanese Knotweed under the scientific name “Fallopia japonica” replaces the former entry for it which used the scientific name “Polygonum cuspidatum” (and which is now removed by article 2(5)); and the new entry for Green Seafingers under the scientific name “Codium fragile” replaces that (again removed by article 2(5)) for only its sub-species “Codium fragile tomentosoides”.

A full impact assessment of the effect this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available at [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website.