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 2009/145/EC (OJ No L 312, 27/11/2009, p. 44). Those Regulations make provision for the entry of varieties on to the National List, so that the seeds of those varieties can then be certified and marketed.

These Regulations provide that the simplified procedure for listing agricultural conservation varieties applies also in relation to vegetable conservation varieties and amateur vegetable varieties.

The remaining provisions of Commission Directive 2009/145/EC are implemented (in relation to England) by the Seed Marketing Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/463).

A transposition note is available from the Food and Environment Research Agency, Whitehouse Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 OLF.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from that same address, and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.