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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. These Regulations provide for the enforcement of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 704/2014 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 211/2013 on certification requirements for imports into the Union of sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts. These Regulations also provide for references to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 211/2013 on certification requirements for imports into the Union of sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts to be references to that Regulation as amended from time to time.

2. These Regulations also provide for the enforcement of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 579/2014 granting derogation from certain provisions of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the transport of liquid oils and fats by sea.

3. Finally, these Regulations provide for the enforcement of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 218/2014 amending Annexes to Regulations (EC) No. 853/2004 and (EC) No. 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2074/2005, which removes the requirement for a special health mark and the restriction to the national market for meat derived from animals that have undergone emergency slaughter.

4. Regulation 2 enforces Commission Regulation (EU) No. 704/2014 by amending Schedule 1 to the Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2009 so as to provide that references to Commission Regulation (EU) 211/2013 are to that Regulation as amended.

5. Regulation 3 enforces Commission Regulation (EU) No. 579/2014 by amending regulation 2 (interpretation) of, and Schedules 1 (definitions of EU legislation), 2 (specified EU provisions), and 3 (bulk transport in sea going vessels of liquid oils or fats and the bulk transport by sea of raw sugar) to, the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013; regulation 3 also implements Commission Regulation (EU) No. 218/2014 by revoking regulation 35 (special health mark) of, and Schedule 8 (the special health mark) to, the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013.

6. Regulation 4 provides for the Food Standards Agency to carry out periodic reviews of the operation of regulations 2 and 3 and to publish reports setting out the respective conclusions of those reviews.

7. A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Food Safety Group of the Food Standards Agency, Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NH and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).