EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) in order to address failures of EU derived law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular, the deficiencies referred to in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (g) of section 8(2)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Part 2 amends the Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010 No. 125). It omits the Union requirements on the marking of eggs for cross-border delivery between Member States and substitutes a new domestic law reference.

Part 3 makes consequential amendments to the Importation of Animal Pathogens Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 433) to substitute an amended reference to a Member State.

Part 4 amends the Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1101) to insert a corrected reference to the community marketing rules offences.

Part 5 amends the Marketing of Vegetable Plant Material Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 415), the Plant Health (Wood and Bark) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No. 66), the Plant Health Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018 No. 184) and the Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211).

Part 6 amends the Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019 No. 159). It makes new substitutions in relation to the "Union List".

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