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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8C(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) (the “2018 Act”) to implement the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the withdrawal agreement (the “Protocol”), in consequence of Article 1.6 of Decision 3/2020 of the Joint Committee<sup>(1)</sup> established by that agreement.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation concerning vegetable and ornamental plants and plant propagating material and fodder seed to remove provisions relating to Northern Ireland which are no longer necessary in consequence of EU legislation added to paragraph 42 of Annex 2 to the Protocol.

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

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(1) Decision No 3/2020 of the Joint Committee amending the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland amended Annex 2 to the Protocol, under the heading “42. Plant reproductive material”, to add Council Directive 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, Council Directive 98/56/EC on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants and Council Directive 2008/72/EC on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed.