## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/350) (the "2015 Regulations") and the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (England) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/289) (the "2018 Regulations"). The amendments apply in relation to England only.

Regulation 2 amends the 2015 Regulations to extend to 30th June 2025 the duration of an exemption from the payment of fees payable in respect of applications to the Forestry Commissioners for a phytosanitary certificate for export (or re-export) relating to certain consignments to be transported to Northern Ireland.

Regulation 3 amends the 2018 Regulations to extend to 30th June 2025 the duration of an exemption from the payment of fees payable in respect of applications to the Secretary of State for a phytosanitary certificate for export (or re-export) or a pre-export service relating to certain consignments to be transported to Northern Ireland.

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