EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/1950) as it applies to Wales.

Articles 24 and 34A (animals on common land) are replaced so as to provide that the owner or person in charge of any animal on common or unenclosed land shall not move the animal from that land except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, or where instructed to do so by a notice issued by a veterinary inspector.

Articles 27 and 37C (shearing and dipping of sheep) are also replaced. The new articles prohibit the shearing or dipping of sheep in an infected or controlled area respectively except in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The occupier of any premises or his employee may shear or dip sheep kept on those premises. "Shearing" is defined to include clipping and dagging and "dipping" is defined to include the showering and jetting of sheep dip.

A regulatory appraisal has not been prepared for this Order.