EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations, which apply to Wales only, further amend the Feeding Stuffs (Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/343 (W. 15), as already amended).

2. These Regulations implement Commission Directive 2003/7/EC amending the conditions for authorisation of canthaxanthin in feedingstuffs in accordance with Council Directive 70/524/EEC (OJ No. L22, 25.1.2003, p. 28).

3. These Regulations modify the controls in the Feeding Stuffs (Wales) Regulations 2001 regulating the presence of additives in feedingstuffs by specifying new maximum levels in feed for the colourant canthaxanthin (*regulation 2(2) and the Schedule*).

4. They also provide for the enforcement of Commission Regulation (EC) No.871/2003 permanently authorising a new additive manganomanganic oxide in feedingstuffs (OJ No. L125, 21.5.2003, p.3) and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 877/2003 provisionally authorising the use of the acidity regulator "Benzoic acid" in feedingstuffs (OJ No. L126, 22.5.2003, p.24) (*regulation 2(3)*).

5. These Regulations also make consequential amendments to regulations 7(1) and 25(1) of the Feeding Stuffs (Wales) Regulations 2001 (*regulation 3*) and consequential amendments to the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) Regulations 1999 and the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) Regulations 1999 (*regulations 4 to 11*).

6. A regulatory appraisal has been prepared in relation to these Regulations and has been placed in the library of the National Assembly for Wales, together with a transposition note setting out how the main elements of Directive 2003/7/EC are transposed into domestic law by these Regulations. Copies may be obtained from the Animal Feed Unit of the Food Standards Agency, 11th Floor, Southgate House, Cardiff, CF10 1EN.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Feeding Stuffs, the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) and the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2003.