STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 534

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release and Risk Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*11th December 1997*
Coming into operation	*30th January 1998*

The Department of the Environment, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**), in relation to measures relating to the control and regulation of genetically modified organisms, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section and by Articles 5(7), 8(1), (4) and (7) of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**3**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release and Risk Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 30th January 1998.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

2.—(1) The Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**5**) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3).

(**1**) S.I.1991/755
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) S.I. 1991/1714 (N.I. 19). *See* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"; *see* Articles 5(10) and 8(11) for the definition of "prescribed" in those Articles
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**5**) S.R. 1994 No. 144; regulation 10 was amended by S.R. 1995 No. 413, regulation 6(2)

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 10 (consent to market products containing genetically modified organisms) there shall be added at the end the following sub-paragraph—

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(c) the marketing of a novel food or novel food ingredient within the scope of Regulation (EC) No. 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council."(**6**).

(3) For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in the Schedule.

Amendment of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Risk Assessment) (Records and Exemptions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

3. In the Genetically Modified Organisms (Risk Assessment) (Records and Exemptions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**7**) in paragraph (2) of regulation 4 (exemptions from requirement to carry out risk assessments) there shall be added at the end the following sub-paragraph —

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(e) are or are contained in a novel food or novel food ingredient which is authorised for marketing in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on

11th December 1997.

R. W. Rogers
Assistant Secretary

(**6**) O.J. No. L43, 14.2.97, p. 1. A Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients. The Regulation provides for specific environmental risk assessment of novel foods or novel food ingredients which contain or consist of genetically modified organisms

(**7**) S.R. 1996 No. 442