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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (INTRODUCTION OF ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS) (PROHIBITION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 1998

I, JOE WALSH, Minister for Agriculture and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Decision 98/105/EC of 28 January 1998(1) hereby make the following Regulations:

(1) O.J. L. 25 of 31.1.1998.

REG 1

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1998.

(2) The collective citation "European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations 1980 to 1998" shall include these Regulations.

REG 2

2. In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations, 1980 (S.I. No. 125 of 1980).

REG 3

3. Regulation 11 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (2A) (inserted by Regulation 4 of the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 126 of 1997)) of the following paragraph:

"(2A) (a) A person shall not introduce into the State or move within the State, tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L., other than those intended for planting, originating in Egypt unless they comply with the conditions of Article I of Commission Decision No. 98/105/EC of 28th January 1998.

(b) The requirements of this paragraph are in addition to and not in substitution for the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Regulation."

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 11th day of May, 1998.

JOE WALSH,

Minister for Agriculture and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations implement the provisions of Commission Decision 98/105/EC which strengthens existing conditions relating to the introduction of ware potatoes from Egypt.