STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 660

PLANT HEALTH, ENGLAND

The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Made - - - - 3rd June 2021
Laid before Parliament 4th June 2021
Coming into force - 15th July 2021

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018(1).

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.
 - (2) They come into force on 15th July 2021.
 - (3) They extend to England and Wales, but apply in relation to England only.
- **2.**—(1) The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015(2) are amended as follows.
 - (2) For Schedule 1 substitute—

"SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(2)

Fees for inspections in connection with a plant passport authority

Type of inspection Fee

Physical inspection and associated activities (including travelling and office

time) in connection with granting, variation or suspension of a plant passport

^{(1) 2018} c. 16; the Secretary of State is an "appropriate authority". The meaning of "appropriate authority" in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 was amended by section 41(4) of, and paragraph 47(5) of Schedule 5 to, the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1).

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2015/350, amended by S.I. 2019/1488 and 1517; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

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| Type of inspection | | Fee | |
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| authority or for monitoring compliance with that authority— | | | |
| (a) | up to and including the first hour | £49.50 | |
| (b) | thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof | £12.38". | |

(3) For Schedule 4A substitute—

"SCHEDULE 4A

Regulation 3(5A)

Fees in connection with an application for a phytosanitary certificate for export or phytosanitary certificate for re-export: England

| Service | Fee | | |
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| The consideration of an application, including the issue, where appropriate, | £21.00 | | |
| of a phytosanitary certificate for export or a phytosanitary certificate for re-export | | | |
| The examination or testing of wood, wood products, isolated bark or used forestry machinery and associated activities (including travelling and office time)— | | | |
| (a) up to and including the first hour | £37.80 | | |
| (b) thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof | £10.50". | | |

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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) (in relation to England only) to provide for increases in the fees for services in relation to plant passport authorities and applications for phytosanitary certificates (including phytosanitary certificates for re-export) to reflect an inflationary rise in the cost of providing those services since the introduction of those fees. The fees relating to plant passport authorities have increased by 34% for the period between 2006 and 2020, while fees for export certification have increased by 40% for the period between 2004 and 2020 (based on the Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH)).

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.