

1976 No. 252

**SEEDS****Seeds (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976***Made* . . . . . 16th August 1976*Coming into operation* . . . . . 7th September 1976

The Department(a) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) as amended by Article 3 of and by Schedule 3 to the European Communities (Agriculture) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation with representatives of such interests as appear to it to be concerned and with the approval of the Department of Finance(a) as to fees hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Seeds (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 7th September 1976.

*Revocation*

2. The Seeds (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(d) are hereby revoked.

*Fees*

3. There shall be paid in respect of matters arising under the regulations referred to in the Schedules being the matters specified in the first column of each of the said Schedules the fees respectively specified in the second column of each of the said Schedules opposite the respective references to such matters.

## 4. Where—

- (a) the inspection of a crop is undertaken by a licensed crop inspector, or
- (b) the sampling of a seed lot is undertaken by a licensed seed sampler, or
- (c) a testing of a sample of seeds is undertaken by a licensed testing establishment,

the fees for such inspection, sampling and testing shall be payable to the licensed crop inspector, the licensed seed sampler or the licensed testing establishment as the case may be.

5. Without prejudice to the provisos to Schedules 1 to 5 (inclusive) the Department may repay either in whole or in part any fee paid under these regulations whenever in its opinion it is reasonable so to do.

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(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1965 c. 22 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 351 (p. 1740)

(d) S.R. 1975 No. 376 (II, p. 1840)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 16th August 1976.

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*D. J. Alexander*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing regulations as to fees.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 16th August 1976.

(L.S.)

*C. F. Darling*

Senior Assistant Secretary

## SCHEDULE 1

## Matters arising under the Cereal Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(e)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Certification</i>	
A. Basic seeds and pre-basic seeds :	£
(i) Initial fee	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	5.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	4.45
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	28.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample . . . . .	13.00
B. Certified seeds of the first generation :	
(i) Initial fee (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.20
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	0.97
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	15.00
(iii) Fee for inspection of the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.21
(iv) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	13.00
C. Certified seeds of the second generation :	
(i) Initial fee for crops entered before 7th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop), per acre or part thereof . . . . .	0.60
(ii) Initial fee for crops entered after 6th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	0.81
(iii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	10.00
(iv) Fee for inspection of the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.21
(v) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	13.00
D. Additional charges :	
(i) Test for purity, germination and other seed content	
(a) Minimum Standard . . . . .	8.10
(b) Higher Voluntary Standard . . . . .	10.20
(ii) Test of pre-basic seeds to verify varietal authenticity . . . . .	25.00
(iii) Fee for official mixture labels, per thousand	
(a) adhesive labels . . . . .	5.00
(b) card labels . . . . .	12.00

Provided that if an application for certification of seeds is withdrawn before such date as may be specified by the Department or before the crop has been inspected (whichever is the earlier) one half of the initial fee paid will be repaid to the applicant.

## SCHEDULE 2

Matters arising under the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(f)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Certification</i>	
A. Basic and pre-basic seeds of herbage and cruciferous varieties :	
(i) Initial fee	£
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	3.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	2.43
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	24.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
B. Basic and pre-basic seeds of field peas and field beans :	
(i) Initial fee	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.62
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	26.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample . . . . .	13.00
C. Certified seeds of herbage varieties :	
(i) Initial fee for crops entered before 7th September 1976, per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.20
(ii) Initial fee for crops entered after 6th September 1976	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.62
(iii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00
(iv) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
D. Certified seeds for cruciferous varieties :	
(i) Initial fee for crops entered before 7th September 1976 (excluding the cost of crop inspection), per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.20
(ii) Initial fee for crops entered after 6th September 1976 (excluding the cost of crop inspection)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.62
(iii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00
(iv) Fee for crop inspection	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.21
(v) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
E. Certified seeds of field peas and field beans :	
(i) Initial fee (excluding the cost of crop inspection)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	0.81
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00

(f) S.R. 1974 No. 147 (I, p. 538)

(iii) Fee for crop inspection	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof	1.21
(iv) Fee for sampling, per sample	13.00
F. Commercial seeds:	
(i) Fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot	13.00
(ii) Fee for sampling, per sample	13.00
G. Additional charges:	
(i) Test of field beans for <i>Ascochyta fabae</i> on basic and pre-basic seeds	35.50
(ii) Test of lupin seeds of one colour for seeds of another colour	4.10
(iii) Test of sweet lupin seeds for bitter seed	4.10
(iv) Test of certified seeds of field peas and field beans for purity, germination and other seed content	7.10
(v) Fee for official mixture labels, per thousand	
(a) adhesive labels	5.00
(b) card labels	12.00

Provided that if an application for certification of seeds is withdrawn before such date as may be specified by the Department or before the crop has been inspected (whichever is the earlier) one half of the initial fee paid will be repaid to the applicant.

## SCHEDULE 3

## Matters arising under the Beet Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(g)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Certification</i>	
A. Basic and pre-basic seeds:	£
(i) Initial fee	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	5.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	4.05
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	24.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
B. Certified seeds:	
(i) Initial fee for crops entered before 7th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop), per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.00
(ii) Initial fee for crops entered after 6th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.62
(iii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00
(iv) Fee for inspection of the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.21
(v) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
C. Additional charges:	
(i) Test of monogerm seeds or precision seeds for the number of seedlings germinating from a cluster . . . . .	6.10
(ii) Test for moisture content . . . . .	1.00

Provided that if an application for certification of seeds is withdrawn before such date as may be specified by the Department or before the crop has been inspected (whichever is the earlier) one half of the initial fee paid will be repaid to the applicant.

## SCHEDULE 4

## Matters arising under the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(h)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Certification</i>	
A. Basic seeds and pre-basic seeds:	
(i) Initial fee	£
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	5.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	4.05
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	24.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
B. Certified seeds:	
(i) Initial fee for crops entered before 7th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop), per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.00
(ii) Initial fee for crops entered after 6th September 1976 (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.62
(iii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00
(iv) Fee for inspecting the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof . . . . .	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof . . . . .	1.21
(v) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	10.00
C. Commercial seed:	
(i) Fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot . . . . .	13.00
(ii) Fee for sampling, per sample . . . . .	13.00
D. Additional charges:	
(i) Test of flax, linseed or sunflower for <i>Botrytis</i> . . . . .	7.10
(ii) Test of flax or linseed for other diseases . . . . .	7.10

Provided that if an application for certification of seeds is withdrawn before such date as may be specified by the Department or before the crop has been inspected (whichever is the earlier) one half of the initial fee paid will be repaid to the applicant.

## SCHEDULE 5

Matters arising under the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(i)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Certification</i>	
A. Basic and pre-basic seeds other than seeds of cucumber, gherkin and tomato:	
(i) Initial fee	£
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof	5.00
(b) per acre or part thereof	4.05
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of testing the seed), per seed lot	24.00
(iii) Fee for re-sampling, per sample	10.00
B. Certified seeds other than seeds of cucumber, gherkin and tomato:	
(i) Initial fee (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop)	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof	2.00
(b) per acre or part thereof	1.62
(ii) Final fee (excluding the cost of sampling and testing the seed), per seed lot	13.00
(iii) Fee for inspection of the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof	1.21
(iv) Fee for sampling, per sample	10.00
C. Seeds of cucumber, gherkin and tomato:	
(i) Basic seeds — fee (excluding the cost of testing the seeds), per crop entry	32.00
(ii) Certified seeds — fee (excluding the cost of inspecting the crop and sampling and testing the seed), per crop entry	32.00
(iii) Fee for inspection of the crop	
(a) per half-hectare or part thereof	1.50
(b) per acre or part thereof	1.21
(iv) Fee for sampling or re-sampling, per sample	10.00
D. Additional charges:	
(i) Tests for purity, germination and weed seed content	7.10
(ii) Test for basic seeds of brassicas for <i>Phoma lingam</i>	7.10
(iii) Test of basic seeds of beets for <i>Phoma betae</i>	7.10
(iv) Test of basic seeds of lettuce for lettuce mosaic virus	14.20

Provided that if an application for certification of seeds is withdrawn before such date as may be specified by the Department or before the crop has been inspected (whichever is the earlier) one half of the initial fee paid will be repaid to the applicant.

## SCHEDULE 6

Matters arising under the Seeds (Registration and Licensing) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1974(j)

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Seed testing stations</i>	
A. Annual fee payable during the continuance of the licence (or a proportion thereof in respect of a fraction of a year)	£ 700.00
B. Fee for each statutory test of a sample of:	
(i) cereal seeds	0.65
(ii) fodder plant seeds	1.40
(iii) beet seeds	1.80
(iv) oil and fibre plant seeds	1.25
(v) vegetable seeds	0.95

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations supersede the Seeds (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 which are revoked.

These regulations prescribe increased fees in respect of matters arising under the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, the Cereal Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, the Beet Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, and the Seeds (Registration and Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974. They also prescribe fees for additional categories of seed which now come within the scope of these Regulations.