
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations replace the Schedule to the Plant Protection Products (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (“the Fees Regulations”) which prescribe fees to be paid to the Department of Agriculture, in connection with services provided and approvals granted by the Department in pursuance of the Community obligations of the United Kingdom (as regards Northern Ireland) under Council Directive [91/414/EEC](#), as amended, and supplement the Plant Protection Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, as amended by the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996, which implement the Directive in Northern Ireland.

These Regulations—

- (a) revise the amounts of the fees, to take account of inflation and other factors (the previous amounts are shown in parentheses and in italics in the right-hand column of the Schedule);
- (b) introduce a new fee structure for applications for approval for trial purposes;
- (c) add a further service in respect of which a fee is payable under the Fees Regulations, namely the preliminary examination and evaluation of an application for the official recognition of a test facility or organisation as required by points 2.2 and 2.3 of the introduction to Annex III to the Directive.