

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase the fees payable to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in respect of the certification of seed potato crops arising under the Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (regulations 2 and 3 and Schedule).

In the case of an application for the certification and classification of seed potato crops, except for pre-basic tissue culture, received by the Department on or before the 30th May in any calendar year:

- (a) where the total area of the crop does not exceed 1 hectare the fee is increased from £42.00 to £43.00
- (b) where the total area of the crop exceeds 1 hectare the fee is increased from £21.00 to £21.50 per half hectare or part of a half hectare.

In the case of an application for the certification and classification of seed potato crops, except for pre-basic tissue culture received by the Department after 30th May in any calendar year:

- (c) where the total area of the crop does not exceed 1 hectare the fee will remain at £53.00;
- (d) where the total area of the crop does not exceed 1 hectare the fee will remain at £26.50 per half hectare or part of a half hectare.

Where the charge is for the certification of pre-basic tissue culture, the fee will increase from £38.00 to £40.00 per hour or part of an hour.

These Regulations also revoke The Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and The Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (regulation 4).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.