SCHEDULE 5

APPROVAL OF LABORATORIES UNDER THE POULTRY HEALTH SCHEME

PART I

Approval

- 1. The Scottish Ministers may approve any laboratory that they consider to be suitable for the purpose of carrying out Mycoplasma and Salmonella testing under the Poultry Health Scheme and may charge a fee for the provision of samples for quality assurance testing for the purposes of assessing an application for such an approval.
- **2.** The operator of a laboratory approved under paragraph 1 shall, by such date specified by the Scottish Ministers, pay the annual approval fee determined under Part II of this Schedule.
- **3.** For the purpose of deciding whether to grant, revoke or suspend an approval under paragraph 1, the Scottish Ministers may require the laboratory to undergo such inspections and quality assurance testing as they consider necessary.
- **4.** In so far as such costs have not been taken into account in determining the annual approval fee, the Scottish Ministers may make a charge, at the veterinary inspector rate, for carrying out inspections at laboratories.
- **5.** The Scottish Ministers may, by notice in writing to the operator, revoke or suspend an approval under paragraph 1, where–
 - (a) the annual approval fee remains unpaid for 30 days or more after becoming due;
 - (b) it appears to them that inspection or testing of the laboratory for the purpose of this Schedule has been obstructed by the operator or any staff of the operator of the laboratory; or
 - (c) following any inspection or testing, the Scottish Ministers consider that the laboratory is no longer suitable for the purpose of carrying out the purpose specified.