
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Seeds (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations 1985 by—

(1) providing that licensed seed testing stations may charge reasonable fees for carrying out tests on seeds for the purposes of seeds regulations in respect of which no fees are prescribed by such regulations but that they shall not derive any private gain in carrying out such tests other than any such prescribed fees or any reasonable fees charged by them under such provision (regulation 2(a));

(2) providing that licensed seed samplers and licensed crop inspectors may charge reasonable fees for carrying out those of their licensed functions in respect of which no fees are prescribed by seeds regulations but that they shall not derive any private gain in carrying out any of their licensed functions other than any such prescribed fees or any fees charged by them under such provision (regulation 2(b)); and

(3) removing the restriction on the categories of seed which the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (or the Secretary of State for Scotland or Wales as appropriate) may permit a licensed seed sampler to sample under the terms of his licence (regulation 2(c)).