
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and re-enact, with amendments, the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Fees) Regulations 1987, as amended. They prescribe fees in respect of various matters arising under the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 1982, as amended (regulation 3 and Schedule).

The fees payable in respect of such matters are increased by these Regulations, except that the fee payable for entry in a National List (item 6 of Part V of the Schedule) is reduced in respect of certain varieties and fees are no longer payable in respect of certain minor matters (such as an inspection of the National List record).

The Regulations continue to make provision for the non-payment of fees by an applicant who has paid the fees prescribed by regulations made under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964 in respect of tests carried out on his behalf for the purposes of a grant of plant breeders' rights in respect of the same variety (regulation 3(2)). They also provide for the non-payment of a fee in respect of trials for value for cultivation and use for a plant variety where any part of those trials is conducted by a person who is licensed to conduct such trials under regulations made under that Act (regulation 3(3)).