
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Charges for Inspections and Controls Regulations 1997 (“the principal Regulations”) which give effect to Article 2 of Council Directive [85/73/EEC](#) on the financing of veterinary inspections and controls covered by Directives [89/662/EEC](#), [90/425/EEC](#), [90/675/EEC](#) AND [91/496/EEC](#) (OJNo. L32, 30.1.98, p. 14); that Directive was last amended by Council Directive [97/79/EC](#) (OJ No. L 24, 30.1.98, p. 31). Article 2, as read with Article 5(3) requires member States to ensure that fees covering the actual cost of inspection alternatively the fees provided in Annex B which was inserted by article 1 of Council Directive [96/43/EC](#) amending and consolidating Directive [85/73/EEC](#) in order to ensure financing of veterinary inspections and controls on live animals and certain animal products and amending Directives [90/675/EEC](#) and [91/496/EEC](#) (O.J. L162, 1.07.96, p. 1) are collected to cover the cost of inspections and controls.

The inspections and controls to which the fees apply relate to checks for residues of veterinary medicines and other substances in animals and animal products. The changes (by comparison with the principal Regulations), ranging approximately from decreases of 15% to increases of 110%, are itemised in the table below. Other sums are the same as before.

<i>Type of creature or product</i>	<i>Current sum (£)</i>	<i>Replacement sum (£)</i>	
Bovine	0.4143	0.4246	
Goat	0.0184	0.0387	per carcase
Sheep	0.0267	0.0387	
Swine	0.0978	0.0831	
Eggs	0.0083	0.0104	per case of 360
Milk	0.0177	0.0212	per 1000 litres
Salmon	1.6900	1.8590	per tonne of marketed product
Trout: brown and rainbow	1.4300	1.5730	per tonne of fish food

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect of this instrument on the costs of business is available from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3LS and copies have been placed in the Library of each House of Parliament.