

2008 No. 732

FEES AND CHARGES

**The Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees)
(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th March 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>14th March 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(a), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and shall come into force on 6th April 2008.

Amendment of the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) Regulations 2004

2. In Schedule 1 to the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) Regulations 2004(b), the following is substituted for paragraph (a)—

“(a) an amount per officer for the time spent in providing the service, calculated in accordance with the following table—

<i>Regulations relating to the relevant service</i>	<i>Grade of Officer</i>	<i>Amount per hour</i>
Regulations 4, 5, 7, 8 and 8B	Test Engineer	£80.00
	Approvals Engineer	£100.00
Regulation 6	Manager	£125.00
	Support Officer	£80.00
Regulation 8A and 8B	Assessor/ Manager	£95.00
	Auditor	£85.00”.

Consequential revocations

3. The following regulations are revoked—

- (a) regulation 2(b) of the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) 2006(c); and

(a) 1973 c.51.
(b) S.I. 2004/1300, amended by S.I. 2006/604 and S.I. 2206/2679.
(c) S.I. 2006/604.

- (b) regulation 2(5) of the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006(a).

12th March 2008

Ian Pearson
Minister of State for Science and Innovation,
Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

We consent

12th March 2008

Alan Campbell
Dave Watts
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1300), by prescribing the fee to be charged by the Secretary of State for the performance of certain functions assigned to him by the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/186), the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3236) and the Regulations which implement the Measuring Instruments Directive (2004/22/EC) (referred to in the 2004 Regulations as “the 2006 Measuring Instruments Regulations”).

The 2004 Regulations provide for the fees payable to the Secretary of State to be made up of a number of components, one of which is a “variable fee” calculated in accordance with Schedule 1 to those Regulations. One of the components of the variable fee is an hourly rate. Different hourly rates are prescribed depending on the work done and the seniority of the staff involved.

The Regulations increase the hourly rates for two of the three types of work for which variable fees are payable by £5. The new hourly rates take into account inflation since the last increase in 2006 and better reflect the costs which are incurred in the provision of each service.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has a negligible effect on business. The basis for calculating the variable fee (full cost recovery) remains unchanged.

(a) S.I. 2006/2679.