
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) Regulations 1986 and the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, and prescribe the fee payable where a licence is issued to engage in various activities in relation to controlled drugs (within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971).

Regulation 2(1) and (2) prescribes the fee where such a licence is issued for the first time. Regulation 2(3) prescribes the fee where a licence is issued to a person either who held such a licence on the date on which these Regulations come into force or who has on or since that date already been issued with such a licence, and introduces two levels of fee: paragraph (a) relates to a licence where the Secretary of State determines that a compliance inspection is required before issuing such a licence, and paragraph (b) relates to a licence where no such compliance inspection is required. Regulation 2(4) prescribes the fee where a licence is issued in connection with the importation or exportation of controlled drugs, and regulation 2(5) prescribes the fee where a licence has been lost by a person, or where that licence has been defaced or damaged, and it is re-issued to him.