#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2015 No. 350

# PLANT HEALTH, ENGLAND PLANT HEALTH, SCOTLAND

The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - 23rd February 2015
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Coming into force - - 6th April 2015

The Forestry Commissioners are designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Union and make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by that section.

### Title, commencement and application

- 1. These Regulations—
  - (a) may be cited as the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015;
  - (b) come into force on 6th April 2015; and
  - (c) apply in relation to England and Scotland only.

#### **Commencement Information**

II Reg. 1 in force at 6.4.2015, see reg. 1(b)

### [F1Interpretation: England

**1A.**—(1) In these Regulations, insofar as they apply in relation to England—

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 1996/266, amended by S.I. 2011/1043; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. Under section 1(2) of the Plant Health Act 1967 (c. 8), as amended by article 4(1) of, and paragraph 43 of Schedule 2 to, the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/755), the Forestry Commissioners are the competent authority for England and Scotland as regards the protection of forest trees and timber from attack by pests.

<sup>(2) 1972</sup> c. 68; section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

- "approved place of inspection" has the meaning given in article 3 of the Order;
- "controlled consignment" means a consignment which—
- (a) is introduced into England from a third country; and
- (b) consists of, or includes—
  - (i) isolated bark of a type that is described in the lists of the Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation that apply for the purposes of Articles 72(1) and 74(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation, or in a decision adopted before 14th December 2019 by the European Commission pursuant to Article 16(3) of Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community; or
  - (ii) wood of a type that is described in the lists or a decision mentioned in paragraph (i), other than wood packaging material which is actually in use in the transport of objects of all kinds;
- "the EU Plant Health Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants;
- "licence" means an authorisation for the purposes of any derogation described in Article 8(1) or 48(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation;
- "the Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation" means the implementing act adopted by the European Commission pursuant to Articles 5(2), 32(3), 37(2) and (4), 40(2), 41(2), 53(2), 54(2), 72(1), 73, 74(2), 79(2) and 80(2) of the EU Plant Health Regulation;
- "plant passport authority" means an authorisation described in Article 89(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation;
- "the Order" means the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005;
- "remedial notice" means a notice served under article 31(1) or (4) of the Order;
- "remedial work" means any steps taken by a person for the purposes of complying with a remedial notice, or by an inspector under article 32(1) of the Order;
- "WPM authorisation" means an authorisation described in Article 98(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation.
- (2) Words and expressions which are not defined in these Regulations and which appear in the EU Plant Health Regulation or in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have in the EU instrument in question.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Reg. 1A inserted (14.12.2019) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1488), regs. 1(1), 36(2)

# **Interpretation** [F2: Scotland]

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations—
  - "approved place of inspection" has the meaning given in [F3 regulation 13 of Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019];
  - [F4"controlled consignment" means a consignment which—

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- (a) is introduced into Scotland from a third country;
- (b) consists of, or includes isolated bark or isolated wood of a type listed in Part A of Annex 11 or in Annex 12 to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019, as amended from time to time, other than wood packaging material which is actually in use in the transport of objects of all kinds;]

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[F6": the EU Plant Health Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC;

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I<sup>F7</sup>"licence" means—

- ((a)) a licence which was granted by the Forestry Commissioners or by the Scottish Ministers under article 38 or 39 of the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005; or
- ((b)) an authorisation described in regulation 20(1)(a) or (b) or 21 of the Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019;]

[F6":the Official Controls Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC, insofar as it applies to rules referred to Article 1(2)(g) of that Regulation;";]

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"plant passport authority" means an [F9authorisation] to issue plant passports F10...;

"remedial notice" means a notice [FII served under regulations 8 or 15 of the Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019]; and

"remedial work" means any steps taken by a person for the purposes of complying with a remedial notice, or by an inspector under [F12 regulation 16 of the Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019].

[F6::WPM authorisation" means an authorisation referred to in Article 98(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation;]

(2) Words and expressions which are not defined in these Regulations and which appear in the [F13EU Plant Health Regulation or the Official Controls Regulation] have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have in the [F13EU Plant Health Regulation or the Official Controls Regulation].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- **F2** Words in reg. 2 heading inserted (14.12.2019) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1488), regs. 1(1), **36(3)**
- Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(ii)
- Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(iii)
- Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (14.12.2019) by virtue of The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2) (a)(iv)
- **F6** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(i)
- F7 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(v)
- F8 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (14.12.2019) by virtue of The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2) (a)(vi)
- Word in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(vii)(aa)
- F10 Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (14.12.2019) by virtue of The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2) (a)(vii)(bb)
- Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(a)(viii)
- F12 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (14.12.2019) by virtue of The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2) (a)(ix)
- F13 Words in reg. 2(2) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(2)(b)

#### **Commencement Information**

**I2** Reg. 2 in force at 6.4.2015, see **reg. 1(b)** 

#### Fees

- **3.**—(1) [F14In relation to England, fees] payable under this regulation are payable to the Forestry Commissioners.
- [F15(1A) In relation to Scotland, fees payable under this regulation are payable to the Scottish Ministers.]
- (2) The fee payable for an inspection and associated activities [F16 carried out by, or on behalf of Scottish Ministers] in connection with the granting, variation, or suspension of a plant passport authority or for monitoring compliance with that authority is specified in Schedule 1.
- (3) The fee payable in connection with an application for a licence (including an application for an extension or variation of a licence), for an inspection and associated activities in connection with

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an application for a licence or for monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of a licence is specified in Schedule 2.

- (4) The importer of a controlled consignment must pay—
  - (a) in the case of a plant health check in respect of the consignment, the fee specified for the relevant type of consignment in item 1 or 2 of the table in Schedule 3;
  - (b) in the case of a documentary check in respect of the consignment, the fee specified in item 1 of the table in Schedule 4;
  - (c) in the case of an identity check in respect of the consignment, the fee specified in item 2 of the table in Schedule 4.
- (5) Where, at the request of an importer of a controlled consignment, a plant health check is carried out on the consignment at an approved place of inspection, the importer must pay the fee of £30 for each visit made by an inspector in the course of conducting the plant health check at the approved place of inspection, in addition to the fee payable under paragraph (4)(a).
- [F17(5A) The fee payable in connection with an application to the Forestry Commissioners for a phytosanitary certificate for export or phytosanitary certificate for re-export is the fee specified in Schedule 4A.
- (5B) The fee payable in connection with an application to the Forestry Commissioners for a WPM authorisation is the fee specified in Schedule 4B.]
- [F18(5A)] The fee payable in connection with an application to the Scottish Ministers for a phytosanitary certificate or phytosanitary certificate for re-export is the fee specified in schedule 5A.
- (5B) The fee payable in connection with an application to the Scottish Ministers for an authorisation referred to in Article 98(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation is the fee specified in schedule 5B.]
- (6) The person on whom a remedial notice is served or who is given notice under [F19 regulation 16 of the Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019] must pay the fee specified in Schedule 5 for the carrying out or the monitoring by an inspector of remedial work and associated activities in connection with a controlled consignment.

### **Textual Amendments**

- F14 Words in reg. 3(1) substituted (1.4.2019) by The Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/734), reg. 1(2), Sch. para. 70(3) (a); S.S.I. 2019/47, reg. 2
- F15 Reg. 3(1A) inserted (1.4.2019) by The Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/734), reg. 1(2), Sch. para. 70(3) (b); S.S.I. 2019/47, reg. 2
- **F16** Words in reg. 3(2) inserted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(3)(a)
- F17 Reg. 3(5A)(5B) inserted (E.) (14.12.2019) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1488), regs. 1(1), 36(4)(a)
- F18 Reg. 3(5A)(5B) inserted (S.) (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(3)(b)
- F19 Words in reg. 3(6) substituted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(3)(c)

#### **Commencement Information**

**I3** Reg. 3 in force at 6.4.2015, see **reg. 1(b)** 

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015. (See end of Document for details)

### Revocations

- 4. The following Regulations are revoked—
  - (a) the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) Regulations 2006(3);
  - (b) the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations 2008(4);
  - (c) the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations 2009(5);
  - (d) the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations 2010(6); and
  - (e) the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Amendment) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2014(7).

#### **Commencement Information**

**I4** Reg. 4 in force at 6.4.2015, see **reg. 1(b)** 

Sealed with the official seal of the Forestry Commissioners

Wilma Harper
Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2006/2697, as amended by S.I. 2008/702, 2009/2956, 2010/2001, 2013/755, 2014/589.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 2008/702.

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 2009/2956.

<sup>(6)</sup> S.I. 2010/2001.

<sup>(7)</sup> S.I. 2014/589.

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### SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(2)

Fees for inspections in connection with a plant passport authority

### **Commencement Information**

I5 Sch. 1 in force at 6.4.2015, see reg. 1(b)

Тур	e of inspection	Fee	
time a pla	Inspection and associated activities (including travelling and office time) in connection with the granting, variation or suspension of a plant passport authority or for monitoring compliance with that authority—		
(f)	up to and including the first hour;	£37	
(g)	thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof	£9.25	

### SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3(3)

### Fees in connection with licences

### **Commencement Information**

Sch. 2 in force at 6.4.2015, see reg. 1(b)

Item	Type of application or inspection	Fee
1.	Application for a licence	£305
2.	Application for an extension or variation of a licence with changes requiring scientific or technical assessment	£100
3.	Application for an extension of a licence with no changes or for an extension or variation of a licence with changes not requiring scientific or technical assessment	£12
4.	Inspection and associated activities (including travelling and office time) in connection with item 1, 2 or 3 or for monitoring compliance with licence terms and conditions—  (h) up to and including the first hour;  (i) thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof	£37

### SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 3(4)(a)

### Fees for plant health checks

### **Commencement Information**

I7 Sch. 3 in force at 6.4.2015, see reg. 1(b)

Item	Description of relevant material in consignment subject to a plant health check	Unit	Fee
1.	Isolated bark, wood shavings, wood chips or sawdust	Per consignment  —up to 25000kg  —for each additional 1000kg or part thereof	£31.20 £0.49
			Up to a maximum fee of £98 per consignment
2.	Wood (other than wood in the form of isolated bark, wood shavings, wood chips or sawdust)	Per consignment —up to 100m³	£31.20
		—for each additional m³ or part thereof	£0.25

### SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 3(4)(b) and (c)

# Fees for documentary checks and identity checks

### **Commencement Information**

**I8** Sch. 4 in force at 6.4.2015, see **reg. 1(b)** 

Item	Type of check	Unit	Fee
1.	Documentary check	Per consignment	£7.20
2.	Identity check	Per consignment  —for each load of up to 30m³ forming part of the consignment contained in one truck, railway wagon or comparable container	£7.20
		—for each bulk load of less than 100m <sup>3</sup>	£7.20
		—for each bulk load of 100m³ or more	£14.40

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## [F20SCHEDULE 4A

Regulation 3(5A)

Fees in connection with an application for a phytosanitary certificate for export or phytosanitary certificate for re-export: England

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F20** Schs. 4A, 4B inserted (14.12.2019) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1488), regs. 1(1), 37

### (1) Service (2) Fee

The consideration of an application, including £15.00 the issue, where appropriate, of a phytosanitary certificate for export or a phytosanitary certificate for re-export

The examination or testing of wood, wood products, isolated bark or used forestry machinery and associated activities (including travelling and office time):

- (a) (a) up to and including the first £27.00 hour;
- (b) (b) thereafter, for each additional £7.50. 15 minutes or part thereof

#### **SCHEDULE 4B**

Regulation 3(5B)

Fees in connection with an application for a WPM authorisation: England

# (1) Type of application

(2) Fee

Application for a WPM authorisation, other than £400.00 a renewal of an existing WPM authorisation

Application for a renewal of an existing WPM £120.00 authorisation

Application for a re-assessment for the purposes £120.00] a WPM authorisation

#### SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 3(6)

Fees for the carrying out or monitoring of remedial work

### **Commencement Information**

**19** Sch. 5 in force at 6.4.2015, see **reg. 1(b)** 

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Remedial work	Fee
The carrying out or monitoring by an inspector of remedial work ar associated activities (including travelling and office time) in connection with a controlled consignment—	
(j) up to and including the first hour;	£37
(k) thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof	£9.25

# [F21SCHEDULE 5A

Regulation 3(5A)

Fees in connection with an application for a phytosanitary certificate or phytosanitary certificate for re-export

#### **Textual Amendments**

F21 Schs. 5A, 5B inserted (14.12.2019) by The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/421), reg. 1(1), sch. 5 para. 9(4)

Service	Fee
The consideration of an application, including the issue, where appropriate,	£15.00
of a phytosanitary certificate or a phytosanitary certificate for re-export	

The examination or testing of plants, plant products or other objects and associated activities (including travelling and office time):

(a) (a) up to and including the first hour; £27.00

(b) (b) thereafter, for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof £7.50.

### SCHEDULE 5B

Regulation 3(5B)

Fees in connection with an application for a WPM authorisation

Type of application	Fee
Application for a WPM authorisation, other than a renewal of an existing WPM authorisation	£400.00
Application for a renewal of an existing WPM authorisation	£120.00
Application for a re-assessment for the purposes a WPM authorisation	£120.00]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015. (See end of Document for details)

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2697) in relation to England and Scotland.

They implement Article 13d of Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (OJ No L 169, 10.7.2000, p1). Article 13d requires member States to collect fees for documentary, identity and plant health checks carried out on certain consignments of wood, wood products and isolated bark originating in countries outside the European Union ("controlled consignments").

Regulation 3 requires the following fees to be paid to the Forestry Commissioners—

- (a) the fees specified in Schedule 1 for inspections in connection with an authority to issue plant passports under article 28 of the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2517);
- (b) the fees specified in Schedule 2 in connection with licences to which article 38 or 39 of the principal Order applies;
- (c) the fees specified in Schedule 3 and regulation 3(5) for plant health checks on controlled consignments;
- (d) the fees specified in Schedule 4 for documentary checks and identity checks on controlled consignments;
- (e) the fees specified in Schedule 5 for the carrying out or monitoring of remedial work by an inspector under the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 in connection with controlled consignments.

Schedule 3A to the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2697) set out reduced rate fees in relation to plant health checks on consignments of *Acer saccharum* from Canada. Under the procedure provided for in Articles 13a(2) and 18(2) of Council Directive 2000/29/EC, these consignments are no longer subject to reduced levels of plant health checks and are therefore no longer eligible for reduced rate fees.

Otherwise the fees remain the same as in the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) Regulations 2006.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on business or the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen. The Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument is available from the Forestry Commission, Silvan House, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7AT and alongside the instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.

### **Status:**

Point in time view as at 14/12/2019.

# **Changes to legislation:**

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