

Explanatory Memorandum to the Plant Health (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2014

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Natural Environment & Agriculture Team within the Natural Resources and Food Department and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 27.1

Minister's Declaration

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Plant Health (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2014. I am satisfied that the benefits outweigh any costs.

Alun Davies
Minister for Natural Resources and Food
6 July 2014

1. Description

The purpose of this instrument is to revoke and replace the Plant Health (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013 No. 1700 (W. 164)) (“the 2013 Regulations”), which outlines the fees to be charged for plant health services provided by the Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) on behalf of the Welsh Ministers. This instrument provides for average decreases and increases in, and the continuation of, the fees specified in the 2013 Regulations.

2. Matters of special interest to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

There are no matters of special interest to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

3. Legislative background

This instrument is made in exercise of powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973, which are now vested in the Welsh Ministers by virtue of section 59(5) of the Government of Wales Act 2006. These powers permit the Welsh Ministers to make regulations which require the payment of fees or other charges for the provision of any services or facilities or the issue of any authorisation, certificate or other document, in pursuance of any EU obligation. As such, this instrument requires Treasury consent which has been granted.

This instrument will follow the negative resolution procedure.

4. Purpose & intended effect of the legislation

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 Community¹ (“the Plant Health Directive”) establishes the EU plant health regime.

The Plant Health Directive is implemented in Wales, for non-forestry matters, by the Plant Health (Wales) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006 No 1643 (W.158)). Similar but separate legislation operates in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. For forestry matters the Plant Health Directive has been implemented by the Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005 No 2517), which applies throughout Great Britain.

The Plant Health Directive has been amended amongst other amendments by Council Directive 2002/89/EC of 28 November 2002². Among the changes introduced by this Directive was clarification of the existing requirement for mandatory examinations (documentary checks, identity checks and physical inspection) on certain plants and plant produce and obligations to charge for these inspections. The Plant Health Directive makes provision for reducing the rate of

¹ This Directive can be found at http://europa.eu/eu-law/legislation/index_en.htm

² This Directive can be found at http://europa.eu/eu-law/legislation/index_en.htm

inspections of certain plant imports (Article 13a (2)) and for charging a correspondingly reduced fee for inspections (Article 13d (2)).

In line with the principle that the costs of statutory services should be borne by users who benefit directly from a service, charges also apply for the following activities required by the Plant Health Directive:

- Seed potato certification service;
- Plant health licensing services;
- Plant passporting services; and
- Import inspections on potatoes imported from Egypt.

The reason for making this instrument is to provide for increases in fees payable in relation to plant health, as part of a phased move towards full cost recovery of such fees and to implement changes to import inspection fees in connection with the annual adjustment to plant health inspection levels of fruit and flowers imported from third countries, under the EU's risk targeted inspections provisions.

Increases in plant health services fees are part of a phased move towards full cost recovery

Fera is responsible in Wales, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, for provision of plant health statutory services to facilitate trade and prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases.

Charging for these services is consistent with the principle that businesses using the service should bear the cost of any measures to prevent harm that they might otherwise cause by their actions or non-actions, since most serious pests and diseases that arrive in this country do so via commercial trade in plants and plant produce.

Before the 2012 Regulations came into force, fees for five plant health services (plant health import inspections, seed potato certification, plant health licences, plant passports and inspection of potatoes originating from Egypt) hadn't increased for many years resulting in income received from business users being less than 35% of the cost of the service provision. Following a public consultation in 2011, a phased increase in fees was implemented in 2012 with the intention of achieving full cost recovery for these services by 2014. The 2012 Regulations introduced the first step in that move towards full cost recovery, closing 50% of the gap between statutory income and the full cost of service provision. The second phase, closing a further 25% of the gap, was implemented through the 2013 Regulations. The third and final phase, closing the remaining 25% of the gap, will be implemented through this instrument, scheduled to come into force on 2 August 2014.

They provide for average increases on the fees specified in the 2013 Regulations as follows:

- import inspection fees documentary and identity checks by 24.5%;

- licensing fees by 2.2 %;
- fees for plant passporting services by 21.2%; and

They also provide for decreases by 3.5% on the fees specified in the 2013 Regulations for import inspections (other than documentary & identity checks).

Fees for services under the Seed Potato Classification Scheme and for inspection and testing of Egyptian potatoes remain unchanged.

Full details of the old and new fees are given in Annex A.

Other changes introduced by the 2014 Regulations

In addition to changing the existing fees, this instrument also introduces fees for the issue of licences and testing of Lebanese potatoes. Commission Implementing Decision 2013/413/EU dated 30 July 2013 allows Member States to authorise the import of ware potatoes from certain regions of Lebanon, subject to post-import testing to ensure freedom from potato ring rot. Imports into Wales will be controlled through the issue of licences specifying notification, labelling, waste disposal etc. conditions. No mechanism currently exists to charge for the issue of such licences or for the post-import testing required.

This instrument also includes a new provision to allow for plant trader registrations to be suspended for unpaid fees as well as allowing the Welsh Ministers to recover any fees as a civil debt. Current sanctions for non-payment of fees are proving inadequate and require tightening. The instrument makes payment of fees a condition for maintaining registration as a plant trader (a requirement under the Plant Health (Wales) Order 2006 for anyone trading in plant material).

This instrument also clarifies how import inspections on mixed consignments are charged. (i.e. consignments comprising different types of material, some of which are eligible for reduced levels of inspection and some not.)

5. Consultation

A consultation on proposals to revise fees for five plant health services ran from 11 October to 5 December 2011. The majority of respondents opposed any increase in fees but, in the event of any increase, preferred a phased increase to achieve full cost recovery over three years.

Details of the consultation on the Fera's review of fees for statutory plant health services, including the summary of responses, can be found at:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/feesChargingReview/consultation.cfm>

A consultation was not conducted for introducing fees in relation to potatoes originating in Lebanon.

6. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)

No impact on charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

No impact on the public sector is foreseen.

Impact assessments were prepared by Defra on a Wales and England basis for the 2012 Regulations for each of the five services involved and can be found at:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/feesChargingReview/consultation.cfm>

Fera, who are an executive agency of Defra, is responsible in Wales, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, for provision of plant health statutory services to facilitate trade and prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases. Costs, therefore, are collated on an England and Wales basis and are not available in a disaggregate format.

Fees in relation to potatoes originating in Lebanon

Having considered The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments and the likely negligible impact on business, the Chief Economist has advised that regarding the fees being introduced in relation to potatoes originating in Lebanon, it would not be proportionate to conduct an RIA. This is due to the likely costs and benefits of complying with the regulations and as there will be little or no expected impact from the change.

PLANT HEALTH STATUTORY FEES AND CHARGES

<u>IMPORTS</u>	<u>Current Fees</u>				<u>New Fees</u>			
	Fee (daytime working hours)		Fee (non daytime working hours)		Fee (daytime working hours)		Fee (non daytime working hours)	
Schedule 1								
Cuttings, seedlings (except forestry reproductive material), young plants of strawberries or of vegetables	49.66	up to 10,000 in number	74.50	up to 10,000 in number	47.87	up to 10,000 in number	71.80	up to 10,000 in number
	1.98	for each additional 1,000	2.97	for each additional 1,000	1.91	for each additional 1,000	2.87	for each additional 1,000
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum
Shrubs, trees (other than cut Christmas trees), other woody nursery plants including forest reproductive material (other than seed)	49.66	up to 1,000 in number	74.50	up to 1,000 in number	47.87	up to 1,000 in number	71.80	up to 1,000 in number
	1.22	for each additional 100	1.83	for each additional 100	1.17	for each additional 100	1.76	for each additional 100
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum
Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers, intended for planting (other than tubers of potatoes)	49.66	up to 200kg in weight	74.50	up to 200kg in weight	47.87	up to 200kg in weight	71.80	up to 200kg in weight
	0.45	for each additional 10kg	0.68	for each additional 10kg	0.44	for each additional 10kg	0.65	for each additional 10kg
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum

Seeds, tissue culture	21.28	up to 100kg in weight	31.93	up to 100kg in weight	20.51	up to 100kg in weight	30.77	up to 100kg in weight
	0.49	for each additional 10kg	0.73	for each additional 10kg	0.47	for each additional 10kg	0.70	for each additional 10kg
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum
Other plants intended for planting, not specified elsewhere in this schedule	49.66	up to 5,000 in number	74.50	up to 5,000 in number	47.87	up to 5,000 in number	71.80	up to 5,000 in number
	0.49	for each additional 100	0.73	for each additional 100	0.47	for each additional 100	0.70	for each additional 100
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum
Cut flowers	49.66	up to 20,000 in number	74.50	up to 20,000 in number	47.87	up to 20,000 in number	71.80	up to 20,000 in number
	0.38	for each additional 1,000	0.57	for each additional 1,000	0.37	for each additional 1,000	0.55	for each additional 1,000
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum
Branches with foliage, parts of conifers (other than cut Christmas trees)	49.66	up to 100kgs in weight	74.50	up to 100kgs in weight	47.87	up to 100kgs in weight	71.80	up to 100kgs in weight
	4.94	for each additional 100kgs	7.41	for each additional 100kgs	4.76	for each additional 100kgs	7.14	for each additional 100kgs
	397.31	Maximum	595.97	Maximum	382.92	Maximum	574.38	Maximum

Cut Christmas trees	49.66 up to 1,000 in number 4.94 for each additional 100units 397.31 Maximum	74.50 up to 1,000 in number 7.41 for each additional 100units 595.97 Maximum	47.87 up to 1,000 in number 4.76 for each additional 100units 382.92 Maximum	71.80 up to 1,000 in number 7.14 for each additional 100units 574.38 Maximum
Leaves of plants, such as herbs, spices and leafy vegetables	49.66 up to 100kgs 4.94 for each additional 10kgs 397.31 Maximum	74.50 up to 100kgs 7.41 for each additional 10kgs 595.97 Maximum	47.87 up to 100kgs 4.76 for each additional 10kgs 382.92 Maximum	71.80 up to 100kgs 7.14 for each additional 10kgs 574.38 Maximum
Fruits and vegetables (other than leafy vegetables)	49.66 up to 25,000kgs 1.98 for each additional 1000kgs	74.50 up to 25,000kgs 2.97 for each additional 1000kgs	47.87 up to 25,000kgs 1.91 for each additional 1000kgs	71.80 up to 25,000kgs 2.87 for each additional 1000kgs
Tubers of potatoes (per lot)	148.99 up to 25,000kgs 148.99 for each additional 25,000kgs	223.49 up to 25,000kgs 223.49 for each additional 25,000kgs	143.60 up to 25,000kgs 143.60 for each additional 25,000kgs	215.39 up to 25,000kgs 215.39 for each additional 25,000kgs
Soil and growing medium, bark	49.66 up to 25,000kgs 1.89 for each additional 1,000kgs 397.84 Maximum	74.50 up to 25,000kgs 2.97 for each additional 1,000kgs 595.97 Maximum	47.87 up to 25,000kgs 1.91 for each additional 1,000kgs 382.92 Maximum	71.80 up to 25,000kgs 2.87 for each additional 1,000kgs 574.38 Maximum

Grain	49.66 up to 25,000kgs 1.98 for each additional 1,000kgs 1986.56 Maximum	74.50 up to 25,000kgs 2.97 for each additional 1,000kgs 2979.84 Maximum	47.87 up to 25,000kgs 1.91 for each additional 1,000kgs 1914.60 Maximum	71.80 up to 25,000kgs 2.87 for each additional 1,000kgs 2871.90 Maximum
Other plants or plant products not specified elsewhere in this Schedule, except forest trees	49.66 per consignment	74.50 per consignment	47.87 per consignment	71.80 per consignment

Schedule 2 - Reduced Rates					
Dianthus	2.48 up to 20,000 in number	3.72 up to 20,000 in number	2.39 up to 20,000 in number	3.59 up to 20,000 in number	
Kenya	0.02 for each additional 1,000 19.87 Maximum	0.03 for each additional 1,000 29.80 Maximum	0.02 for each additional 1,000 19.14 Maximum	0.03 for each additional 1,000 28.71 Maximum	

Dianthus	4.96	up to 20,000 in number	7.45	up to 20,000 in number	7.18	up to 20,000 in number	10.77	up to 20,000 in number
Ecuador	0.04	for each additional 1,000	0.07	for each additional 1,000	0.05	for each additional 1,000	0.08	for each additional 1,000
	39.72	Maximum	59.58	Maximum	57.43	Maximum	86.15	Maximum
Dianthus	12.42	up to 20,000 in number	18.62	up to 20,000 in number	11.96	up to 20,000 in number	17.95	up to 20,000 in number
Turkey	0.10	for each additional 1,000	0.16	for each additional 1,000	0.09	for each additional 1,000	0.13	for each additional 1,000
	99.36	Maximum	149.04	Maximum	95.73	Maximum	143.59	Maximum
Dianthus	2.48	up to 20,000 in number	3.72	up to 20,000 in number	1.43	up to 20,000 in number	2.15	up to 20,000 in number
Colombia	0.02	for each additional 1,000	0.03	for each additional 1,000	0.01	for each additional 1,000	0.01	for each additional 1,000
	19.87	Maximum	29.80	Maximum	11.48	Maximum	17.23	Maximum
Rosa	1.43	up to 20,000 in number	2.14	up to 20,000 in number	1.43	up to 20,000 in number	2.15	up to 20,000 in number
Ecuador, Columbia	0.01	for each additional 1,000	0.01	for each additional 1,000	0.01	for each additional 1,000	0.01	for each additional 1,000
	11.89	Maximum	17.84	Maximum	11.48	Maximum	17.23	Maximum

Rosa Ethiopia	4.96 up to 20,000 in number 0.04 for each additional 1,000 39.72 Maximum	7.41 up to 20,000 in number 0.06 for each additional 1,000 59.58 Maximum	4.78 up to 20,000 in number 0.04 for each additional 1,000 38.29 Maximum	7.18 up to 20,000 in number 0.06 for each additional 1,000 57.43 Maximum
Rosa Kenya	2.48 up to 20,000 in number 0.02 for each additional 1,000 19.87 Maximum	3.72 up to 20,000 in number 0.03 for each additional 1,000 29.80 Maximum	2.48 up to 20,000 in number 0.02 for each additional 1,000 19.87 Maximum	3.72 up to 20,000 in number 0.03 for each additional 1,000 29.8 Maximum
Rosa Tanzania	4.96 up to 20,000 in number 0.04 for each additional 1,000 39.72 Maximum	7.41 up to 20,000 in number 0.06 for each additional 1,000 59.58 Maximum	7.18 up to 20,000 in number 0.05 for each additional 1,000 57.43 Maximum	10.77 up to 20,000 in number 0.08 for each additional 1,000 86.15 Maximum
Rosa Zambia	12.42 up to 20,000 in number 0.07 for each additional 1,000 99.36 Maximum	18.62 up to 20,000 in number 0.10 for each additional 1,000 149.04 Maximum	11.96 up to 20,000 in number 0.09 for each additional 1,000 95.73 Maximum	17.95 up to 20,000 in number 0.13 for each additional 1,000 143.59 Maximum

Phoenix Branches with foliage	17.35	up to 100kgs in weight	26.03	up to 100kgs in weight	16.75	up to 100kgs in weight	25.13	up to 100kgs in weight
Costa Rica	1.70	for each additional 100kg	2.56	for each additional 100kg	1.66	for each additional 100kg	2.49	for each additional 100kg
	139.05	Maximum	208.57	Maximum	134.02	Maximum	201.03	Maximum
Malus	4.96	up to 25,000kg in weight	7.41	up to 25,000kg in weight	4.78	up to 25,000kg in weight	7.18	up to 25,000kg in weight
New Zealand	0.21	for each additional 1,000kg	0.31	for each additional 1,000kg	0.19	for each additional 1,000kg	0.28	for each additional 1,000kg
Malus	2.47	up to 25,000kgs in weight	3.70	up to 25,000kg in weight	2.29	up to 25,000kg in weight	3.59	up to 25,000kg in weight
Chile, South Africa	0.07	for each additional 1,000kg	0.10	for each additional 1,000kg	0.09	for each additional 1,000kg	0.14	for each additional 1,000kg
Malus	12.42	up to 25,000kgs in weight	18.62	up to 25,000kgs in weight	11.96	up to 25,000kgs in weight	17.95	up to 25,000kgs in weight
Argentina, Brazil	0.49	for each additional 1,000kg	0.74	for each additional 1,000kg	0.47	for each additional 1,000kg	0.71	for each additional 1,000kg
Malus	17.38	up to 25,000kgs in weight	26.07	up to 25,000kgs in weight	23.93	up to 25,000kgs in weight	35.90	up to 25,000kgs in weight
USA	0.69	for each additional 1,000kg	1.03	for each additional 1,000kg	0.95	for each additional 1,000kg	1.43	for each additional 1,000kg

Prunus Chile, South Africa	4.96 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.17 for each additional 1,000kg	7.41 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.26 for each additional 1,000kg	4.78 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.19 for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.28 for each additional 1,000kg
Prunus Turkey, USA	7.44 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.29 for each additional 1,000kg	11.17 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.44 for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.28 for each additional 1,000kg	10.77 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.43 for each additional 1,000kg
Prunus Argentina, Morocco	24.83 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.97 for each additional 1,000kg	37.25 up to 25,000kgs in weight 1.46 for each additional 1,000kg	23.93 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.95 for each additional 1,000kg	35.90 up to 25,000kgs in weight 1.46 for each additional 1,000kg
Pyrus Argentina, South Africa	4.96 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.17 for each additional 1,000kg	7.41 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.26 for each additional 1,000kg	4.78 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.19 for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.28 for each additional 1,000kg
Pyrus China	24.83 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.97 for each additional 1,000kg	37.25 up to 25,000kgs in weight 1.46 for each additional 1,000kg	23.93 up to 25,000kgs in weight 0.95 for each additional 1,000kg	35.90 up to 25,000kgs in weight 1.43 for each additional 1,000kg

Pyrus Chile	12.42 0.49	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	18.62 0.73	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	11.96 0.47	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	17.95 0.71	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Citrus Morocco	2.48 0.07	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	3.72 0.10	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	2.39 0.97	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	3.59 0.14	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Citrus Turkey	1.46 0.03	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	2.19 0.05	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	1.43 0.05	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	2.15 0.08	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Citrus USA, Uruguay, Egypt, Mexico, Peru	7.45 0.28	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	11.17 0.42	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 0.28	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	10.77 0.43	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Citrus Israel	4.96 0.21	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.41 0.31	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	4.78 0.19	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 0.28	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg

Citrus Tunisia	12.42 0.49	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	18.62 0.73	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	11.96 0.47	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	17.95 0.71	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Passiflora Kenya, Columbia	4.94 0.17	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.41 0.26	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	4.78 0.19	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 0.28	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Passiflora Zimbabwe	24.83 0.97	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	37.25 1.46	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	35.90 1.43	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	53.85 2.15	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Passiflora South Africa	24.83 0.97	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	37.25 1.46	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	16.75 0.66	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	25.13 1.00	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Vaccinium Argentina	11.74 0.47	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	17.61 0.71	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	11.96 0.47	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	17.95 0.71	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg

Capsicum Israel	47.87 1.91	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	71.80 2.87	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	2.39 0.09	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	3.59 0.14	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Solanum Melongena Kenya, Turkey	4.96 0.17	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.41 0.26	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	4.78 0.19	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	7.18 0.28	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg
Momordica Surinam	24.83 0.97	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	37.25 1.46	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	16.75 0.66	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg	25.13 1.00	up to 25,000kgs in weight for each additional 1,000kg

Imports : Schedule 3 - Documents & ID Checks

Documentary check	4.31	per consignment
Identity Check	4.31	per consignment up to a size of a truck load, a railway wagon or the load of a container of comparable size
	8.62	bigger than the above size

5.71	per consignment
5.71	per consignment up to a size of a truck load, a railway wagon or the load of a container of comparable size
11.42	bigger than the above size

PLANT PASSPORTS

Per Inspection	38.05	per quarter hour
minimum fee	76.10	

46.10	per quarter hour
92.19	

SEED POTATO CLASSIFICATION SCHEME**Inspection of growing crops and provision of labels and seals in respect of applications:**

For certification as pre-basic seed potato	129.84	per hour or part thereof
For certification as basic seed potato classified as:		
Super Elite 1, Super Elite 2 or Super Elite 3	64.92	per half hectare or part thereof
minimum fee	129.84	

129.84	per hour or part thereof
64.92	per half hectare or part thereof
129.84	

Annex A

Elite 1, Elite 2 or Elite 3 minimum fee	64.92 per half hectare or part thereof 129.84
A minimum fee	61.71 per half hectare or part thereof 123.43
Certified seed potatoes minimum fee	56.10 per half hectare or part thereof 112.20
For authorisation to market seed potatoes	129.84 per hour or part thereof

64.92 per half hectare or part thereof 129.84
61.71 per half hectare or part thereof 123.43
56.1 per half hectare or part thereof 112.2
129.84 per hour or part thereof

Inspection of harvested tubers

Up to 2 inspections minimum fee	19.24 per half hectare or part thereof 38.47
Third & subsequent	129.84 per hour or part thereof

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129.84 per hour or part thereof

PLANT HEALTH LICENCE FEES

(1)	Application for a licence other than a licence covered by items (2) or (3) below	793.03	809.83
(2)	Application for a licence in respect of soil or other growing medium for analysis	572.02	584.14
(3)	Application for a licence for scientific or trial purposes covering more than 5 types of article plus	793.03 31.25 per type of article in excess of 5	809.83 31.86 per type of article in excess of 5
(4)	Application for extension or variation of a licence with changes requiring scientific or technical assessment	260.01	265.21
(5)	Application for extension of a licence with no changes or for extension or variation of a licence with only minor changes requiring no scientific or technical assessment	31.20	31.86

(6)	Inspection and associated activities (incl travel time and office time for monitoring compliance with licence terms and conditions	42.75 per hour or part thereof
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EGYPTIAN POTATOES

Sampling of imported potatoes to ascertain if <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> is present	117.36 per lot sampled
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