SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PLANT HEALTH

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010

Made	18th November 2010
Laid before the Scottish	22nd November
Parliament	2010
Coming into force	1st January 2011

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(1) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 and come into force on 1st January 2011.

Amendment of the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

2. For Schedule 2 (Import Inspection Fees (Reduced Rates)) to the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2005(**2**) substitute—

^{(1) 1973} c.51. The reference to a Government department in section 56(1) is to be read as a reference to the Scottish Administration by virtue of article 2(2) of the Scotland Act (Consequential Modifications) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1820) and the functions of the Minister transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46). The requirement to obtain the consent of the Treasury was removed by section 55 of the Scotland Act 1998.

⁽²⁾ S.S.I. 2005/216 as amended by S.S.I. 2007/138, 2007/499, 2009/8 and 2009/305.

"SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(3)

IMPORT INSPECTION FEES (REDUCED RATES)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	
~ .		Country of origin	Fee	Fee (outside normal working hours)	
Cut flowers					
Dianthus	Per consignment				
	— up to 20,000 in	Colombia, Kenya	£0.66	£0.99	
	number	Ecuador	£1.98	£2.97	
		Turkey	£3.31	£4.96	
	— for each	Colombia, Kenya	£0.005	£0.007	
	additional 1,000 units or part	Ecuador	£0.01	£0.02	
	thereof	Turkey	£0.02	£0.03	
	— maximum price	Colombia, Kenya	£5.29	£7.94	
		Ecuador	£15.88	£23.83	
		Turkey	£26.48	£39.72	
Rosa	Per consignment				
	— up to 20,000 in number	Colombia, Ecuador	£0.39	£0.59	
		Ethiopia, Kenya	£0.66	£0.99	
		Tanzania	£1.32	£1.98	
		Uganda, Zambia	£3.31	£4.96	
	— for each additional	Colombia, Ecuador	£0.003	£0.004	
	1,000 units or part thereof	Ethiopia, Kenya	£0.005	£0.007	
		Tanzania	£0.01	£0.02	
		Uganda, Zambia	£0.02	£0.03	
	— maximum price	Colombia, Ecuador	£3.17	£4.76	
		Ethiopia, Kenya	£5.29	£7.94	
		Tanzania	£10.59	£15.88	
		Uganda, Zambia	£26.48	£39.72	
Fruit					

The total fee for additional units or weight is to be rounded down to the nearest whole penny, or if that fee is less than £0.01 it is to be disregarded.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	
Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (outside normal working hours,	
Citrus	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg	Turkey	£0.39	£0.59	
	in weight	Morocco	£0.66	£0.99	
		Egypt, Israel, Uruguay, USA	£1.98	£2.97	
		Mexico	£3.31	£4.96	
		Peru	£4.63	£6.95	
		Honduras	£9.93	£14.89	
	— for each	Turkey	£0.01	£0.02	
	additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Morocco	£0.02	£0.03	
		Egypt, Israel, Uruguay, USA	£0.07	£0.11	
		Mexico	£0.13	£0.19	
		Peru	£0.18	£0.27	
		Honduras	£0.39	£0.58	
Malus	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Chile	£0.92	£1.39	
		Argentina, New Zealand, South Africa	£1.32	£1.98	
		Brazil	£1.98	£2.97	
		China, USA	£3.31	£4.96	
	— for each	Chile	£0.03	£0.05	
	additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Argentina, New Zealand, South Africa	£0.05	£0.07	
		Brazil	£0.07	£0.11	
		China, USA	£0.13	£0.19	
Mangifera	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Brazil	£6.62	£9.93	

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Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (outside normal working hours)	
	— for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Brazil	£0.26	£0.39	
Passiflora	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg	Colombia, Kenya	£1.32	£1.98	
	in weight	Zimbabwe	£4.63	£6.95	
		South Africa	£6.62	£9.93	
	— for each	Colombia, Kenya	£1.32	£1.98	
	additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Zimbabwe	£0.18	£0.27	
	I	South Africa	£0.26	£0.39	
Prunus	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Chile, South Africa, Turkey	£1.32	£1.98	
		USA	£3.31	£4.96	
		Argentina	£4.63	£6.95	
	— for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Chile, South Africa, Turkey	£0.05	£0.07	
		USA	£0.13	£0.19	
		Argentina	£0.18	£0.27	
Pyrus	Per consignment				
	— up to 25,000 kg	South Africa	£1.32	£1.98	
	in weight	Argentina	£1.98	£2.97	
		Chile, China	£4.63	£6.95	
	— for each	South Africa	£0.05	£0.07	
	additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Argentina	£0.07	£0.11	
		Chile, China	£0.18	£0.27	
Vegetables					
Solanum	Per consignment				
melongena	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Turkey	£1.32	£1.98	

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St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 18th November 2010

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 ("the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations implement Article 13d of Council Directive 2000/29/EC (O.J. L 169, 10.7.2000, p.1) ("the Council Directive") which requires Member States to charge fees to cover costs occasioned by the documentary checks, identity checks and plant health checks of certain imports of plants, plant products and other objects from third countries.

The Council Directive contains a procedure (Articles 13a(2), 13d(2) and 18(2)) for setting reduced rates of inspection for imports of certain plants and plant products and for charging fees at a proportionately reduced rate.

Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations sets out the standard fees for plant health checks. Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations sets out the fees for reduced rate inspections.

These Regulations substitute Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations in light of the Notification of Reduced Plant Health Checks for Certain Products of 25th June 2010, published by the Commission under Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) 1756/2004 (O.J. L 313, 12.10.2004, p.6) ("the Commission Regulation"). The Commission Regulation makes provision for the publication of a list of products for which plant health checks may be carried out at a reduced frequency, and specifies the level of the reduced frequency.

The changes to the fees made by these Regulations, which are set at a direct proportion of the standard fee (described in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations) corresponding to the rate of inspection, are based on the agreed inspection rates set out in the table below:

Genus	Country of origin	Standard fee in Schedule 1 of the principal Regulations	Current rate of inspection	Current reduced rate of fee ⁽¹⁾	New rate of inspection	New reduced rate of fee
Cut Flowers		£13.24				
Dianthus	Colombia		3%	£0.39	5%	£0.66
Dianthus	Israel		50%	£6.62	100%(2)	
Dianthus	Kenya		25%	£3.31	5%	£0.66
Rosa	Colombia		5%	£0.66	3%	£0.39
Rosa	Ethiopia		10%	£1.32	5%	£0.66
Rosa	Kenya		10%	£1.32	5%	£0.66
Rosa	Tanzania		15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32

(1) Current fee per consignment for cut flowers (up to 20,000 in number) and fruit and vegetables (up to 25,000 kg in weight). Corresponding fees are set in the Regulations for additional quantities, maximum price per consignment and non-daytime working hours.

(2) Consignments subject to an inspection rate of 100% are, by definition, excluded from the reduced rate inspection scheme and are subject to the import inspection fees specified in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations.

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Rosa	Uganda		100%		25%	£3.31
Rosa	Zambia		50%	£6.62	25%	£3.31
Fruit		£13.24				
Citrus	Egypt		25%	£3.31	15%	£1.98
Citrus	Honduras		50%	£6.62	75%	£9.93
Mangifera	Brazil		10%	£1.32	50%	£6.62
Psidium	Brazil		75%	£9.93	100%(2)	
Prunus	USA		50%	£6.62	25%	£3.31
Pyrus	South Africa		15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32

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No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on the cost of business.