

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Calculation of the SRM Charge

1. The SRM charge payable in relation to any slaughterhouse or any approved cutting premises in respect of any period shall be the amount arrived at by multiplying the time (expressed in hours and fractions of an hour) spent by each SRM inspector carrying out SRM inspections on those premises in the period concerned by the hourly rate applicable to that inspector determined in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 5.

2. The Department shall determine the hourly rate applicable to SRM inspectors, and may determine different rates for different classes of SRM inspector, having regard to the level of qualifications and experience, and to salary costs (including any local variations in salary levels), of inspectors in that class, and may vary any rate so determined where, having regard to the factors set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, it appears to it to be necessary and equitable to do so.

3. The hourly rate for any class of SRM inspector shall be calculated so as to reflect—

- (a) the mean salary costs and fees (including pension and employers' National Insurance contributions) of SRM inspectors in that class; and
- (b) such proportion of the administrative costs of the SRM inspections as the Department considers it proper to apportion to that hourly rate.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 3(b), “administrative costs” means all costs reasonably incurred in providing the SRM inspections, including in particular the costs of—

- (a) recruiting SRM inspectors and training them to enforce the Specified Risk Material Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;
- (b) the salaries (including the cost of overtime, pension contributions and employers' National Insurance contributions) of the staff other than SRM inspectors engaged in the administration of the SRM inspections;
- (c) providing office accommodation, equipment and services in relation to the SRM inspections, including depreciation of any office furniture and equipment and also of providing information technology, stationery and forms;
- (d) protective clothing and equipment used in carrying out SRM inspections, and of laundering such clothing;
- (e) accounting and collecting the SRM charge and of providing pay-roll and personnel services in connection with the employment of SRM inspectors;
- (f) expenses incurred in the course of their employment by staff providing, administering or managing the SRM inspections; and
- (g) insurance and banking interest and charges.

5. Prior to determining or varying hourly rates in accordance with paragraph 2, the Department shall consult such occupiers or owners of premises as are likely to be affected by those rates.

6. The hourly rate for any class of SRM inspector shall include any overtime payments or other similar allowances made to the inspector concerned under his contract of employment for carrying out the SRM inspections.

7. In determining the total time spent in carrying out the SRM inspections any time spent by an SRM inspector—

- (a) in travelling to or from premises at which he carries out the SRM inspections and for which he is paid under a contract of employment;

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- (b) at any premises to which he has gone for the purpose of carrying out the SRM inspections and for which he is paid under a contract of employment (regardless of whether or not he is able to carry out an inspection there); and
 - (c) at any other place—
 - (i) when he is available or carrying out the SRM inspections but is not in fact carrying out same, and
 - (ii) for which he is paid under his contract of employment,shall be counted as if it were time when the inspector concerned was carrying out the SRM inspections
8. In this Schedule, “period” means an accounting period.