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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](#) on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (O.J. No. L 169, 10.7.00, p.1), which requires member States to charge fees to cover the 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.

These Regulations delete a definition in the principal Regulations (regulation 3), and substitute a new Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (regulation 4), to give effect to the latest agreed reduced rates for inspections of certain material. (Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations includes provision for reduced rates for certain plants and plant products agreed under the procedure provided for in Articles 13d(2) and 18(2) of Directive [2000/29/EC](#).) The changes to the fees made by these Regulations, which are set at a 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 below:

Column 1 Genus	Column 2 Country of origin	Column 3 Previous rate of inspection	Column 4 Initial fee <sup>(1)</sup>	Column 5 Newrate of inspection	Column 6 Initial fee, specified in Schedule 2
<b>Cut Flowers</b>					
<i>Dianthus</i>	Kenya	100% <sup>(2)</sup>	–	10%	£1.32
<i>Rosa</i>	Ethiopia	5%	£0.66	10%	£1.32
<i>Rosa</i>	Kenya	5%	£0.66	10%	£1.32
<i>Rosa</i>	Uganda	10%	£1.32	50%	£6.62
<i>Rosa</i>	Zambia	10%	£1.32	25%	£3.31
<i>Rosa</i>	Zimbabwe	50%	£6.62	100% <sup>(2)</sup>	–
<b>Fruit</b>					
<i>Malus</i>	Argentina	15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32
<i>Malus</i>	Brazil	25%	£3.31	15%	£1.98
<i>Malus</i>	China	35%	£4.63	25%	£3.31
<i>Mangifera</i>	Peru	50%	£6.62	100% <sup>(2)</sup>	–
<i>Passiflora</i>	Colombia	15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).

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<i>Prunus</i>	Chile	15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32
<i>Citrus</i>	Honduras	100% <sup>(2)</sup>	–	75%	£9.93
<i>Citrus</i>	Turkey	5%	£0.66	5%	£0.66
<i>Citrus</i>	USA	10%	£1.32	10%	£1.32
<i>Momordica</i>	Suriname	50%	£6.62	100% <sup>(2)</sup>	–
<b>Vegetables</b>					
<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Turkey	75%	£9.93	25%	£3.31

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