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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st July 1996, amend the Seeds (Fees) Regulations 1985. They prescribe revised fees in respect of matters arising under the Cereal Seeds Regulations 1993 (as amended), the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations 1993 (as amended), the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Regulations 1993 (as amended), the Beet Seeds Regulations 1993, the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1993 (as amended) and the Seeds (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations 1985 (as amended) (regulation 2). The Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1993 are revoked (regulation 3).

The matters in respect of which the revised fees are prescribed are listed in the Schedule to these Regulations, and the fees which were chargeable before these Regulations came into force are printed in italics beside the revised fees.

A uniform increase of 9% has been applied to all fees and has been rounded to the nearest five pence except in the case of the annual fee for Licensed Seed Testing Stations, which has been rounded to the nearest £1.

A Compliance Cost Assessment in relation to these Regulations has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament, and copies can be obtained from the Plant Variety Rights Office and Seeds Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, White House Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0LF.