STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 423

PLANT HEALTH

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Amendment No 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made--16th December 2009Coming into operation1st February 2010

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) and section 56(1), (2) and (5) of the Finance Act 1973(2), with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(3).

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is a Northern Ireland department designated(4) for the purposes of the said section 2(2) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and come into operation on 1st February 2010.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(5) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendments to the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

2. The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(6) shall be amended as follows.

3. For Schedule 2, substitute—

^{(1) 1972} c. 68

 ^{(2) 1973} c. 51
 (3) The Department of Finance was renamed the Department of Finance and Personnel by Article 3 of the Departments (Northern

Ireland) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/338). (N.1.6) which was repealed by Article 9(2) and Schedule 3 to the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/283 (N.I.1)

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2000/2812
(5) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

^{(5) 1954} C. 55 (N.I.

⁽⁶⁾ S.R. 2005/373, amended by S.R. 2007/21, S.R. 2007/252, S.R. 2008/60 and S.R.2009/134

"SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4

IMPORT INSPECTION FEES (REDUCED RATES)

Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (non- daytime working hours
Cut flowers				
Dianthus	Per consignment			
	— up to 20,000	Colombia	£0.39	£0.59
	in number	Ecuador	£1.98	£2.97
		Kenya, Turkey	£3.31	£4.96
		Israel	£6.62	£9.93
	— for each	Colombia	£0.003	£0.004
	additional 1,000 units or part	Ecuador	£0.01	£0.02
	thereof	Kenya, Turkey	£0.02	£0.03
		Israel	£0.05	£0.07
	— maximum price	Colombia	£3.17	£4.76
		Ecuador	£15.88	£23.83
		Kenya, Turkey	£26.48	£39.72
		Israel	£52.96	£79.44
Rosa	Per consignment			
	— up to 20,000 in number	Ecuador	£0.39	£0.59
		Colombia	£0.66	£0.99
		Ethiopia, Kenya	£1.32	£1.98
		Tanzania	£1.98	£2.97
		Zambia	£6.62	£9.93
	— for each additional 1,000 units or part thereof	Ecuador	£0.003	£0.004
		Colombia	£0.005	£0.007
		Ethiopia, Kenya	£0.01	£0.015
		Tanzania	£0.01	£0.02
		Zambia	£0.05	£0.07
	— maximum price	Ecuador	£3.17	£4.76
		Colombia	£5.30	£7.94

Where the total amount of any fee comprises an amount less than £0.01, that amount is to be excluded.

Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (non- daytime working hours)
		Ethiopia, Kenya	£10.59	£15.88
		Tanzania	£15.88	£23.83
		Zambia	£52.96	£79.44
Fruit				
Citrus	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Turkey	£0.39	£0.59
		Morocco	£0.66	£0.99
		Israel, Uruguay, USA	£1.98	£2.97
		Egypt, Mexico	£3.31	£4.96
		Peru	£4.63	£6.95
		Honduras	£6.62	£9.93
	— for each additional 1,000 - kg or part thereof	Turkey	£0.01	£0.02
		Morocco	£0.02	£0.03
		Israel, Uruguay,	£0.07	£0.11
		USA		
		Egypt, Mexico	£0.13	£0.19
		Peru	£0.18	£0.27
		Honduras	£0.26	£0.39
Malus	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000	Chile	£0.92	£1.39
	kg in weight	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

Where the total amount of any fee comprises an amount less than £0.01, that amount is to be excluded.

Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (non- daytime working hours,
Mangifera	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Brazil	£1.32	£1.98
	— for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Brazil	£0.05	£0.07
Passiflora	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Columbia, Kenya	£1.32	£1.98
	-	Zimbabwe	£4.63	£6.95
	-	South Africa	£6.62	£9.93
	— for each additional 1,000	Columbia, Kenya	£1.32	£1.98
	kg or part thereof	Zimbabwe	£0.18	£0.27
	-	South Africa	£0.26	£0.39
Prunus	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Chile, South Africa, Turkey	£1.32	£1.98
	-	Argentina	£4.63	£6.95
	-	USA	£6.62	£9.93
	for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Chile, South Africa, Turkey	£0.05	£0.07
		Argentina	£0.18	£0.27
	-	USA	£0.26	£0.39
Psidium	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Brazil	£9.93	£14.89
	— for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Brazil	£0.39	£0.58
Pyrus	Per consignment			
	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Argentina, South Africa	£1.98	£2.97
	-	Chile, China	£4.63	£6.95

Where the total amount of any fee comprises an amount less than $\pounds 0.01$, that amount is to be excluded.

Genus	Quantity	Country of origin	Fee	Fee (non- daytime working hours)
	— for each additional 1,000	Argentina, South Africa	£0.07	£0.11
	kg or part thereof -	Chile, China	£0.18	£0.27
Vegetables				
Solanum	Per consignment			
melongena	— up to 25,000 kg in weight	Turkey	£1.32	£1.98
	— for each additional 1,000 kg or part thereof	Turkey	£0.05	£0.07".

Where the total amount of any fee comprises an amount less than £0.01, that amount is to be excluded.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 16th December 2009.



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The Department of Finance and Personnel consents to the foregoing Regulations. Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 16th December 2009.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005 (S.R. 2005/373) ("the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations implement Article 13d of Council Directive 2000/29/EC (OJ No L 169, 10.7.00, p1) ("the Directive"), 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.

The 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 2 to the principal Regulations sets out the fees for reduced rate inspections and these Regulations amend that Schedule to set out the fees corresponding to the latest rates of inspection. 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:

Genus	Country of origin	Previous rate of	Initial fee ⁽¹⁾	New	Initial fee, specified in
		inspection		rate of inspection	Schedule 2
Cut Flowers					
Dianthus	Israel	35%	£4.63	50%	£6.62
Dianthus	Kenya	10%	£1.32	25%	£3.31
Rosa	India	50%	£6.62	100% ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	
Rosa	Uganda	50%	£6.62	100% ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	
Rosa	Zambia	25%	£3.31	50%	£6.62
Fruit					
Mangifera	Brazil	5%	£0.66	10%	£1.32
Psidium	Brazil	100%	£13.24	75%	£9.93
Prunus	Argentina	25%	£3.31	35%	£4.63
Pyrus	Argentina	25%	£3.31	15%	£1.98
Pyrus	China	50%	£6.62	35%	£4.63
Citrus	Honduras	75%	£9.93	50%	£6.62

(1) Initial 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 excluded from the reduced rate inspection scheme and are subject to the import inspection fees specified in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations.

(3) New rates apply from 1st January 2010.

Citrus	Israel	25%	£3.31	15%	£1.98
Citrus	Peru	25%	£3.31	35%	£4.63
Vegetables					
Solanum melongena	Turkey	15%	£1.98	10%	£1.32

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