STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ANIMALS, ENGLAND

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Animal Health (Approved Disinfectants and Animal Gatherings) (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024

Made - - - -	*6th November 2024*
Laid before the House of Commons	*11th November 2024*
Coming into force - -	*1st December 2024*

The Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 84(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Animal Health (Approved Disinfectants and Animal Gatherings) (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st December 2024.

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendments to the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Fees and Amendment) (England) Order 2011

2.—(1) The Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Fees and Amendment) (England) Order 2011(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 3 (annual fee), in paragraph (1A)—

(a) for sub-paragraph (a), substitute—

"(a) as regards the year beginning on 1st September 2024 and ending on 31st August 2025, £590;"

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "£590", substitute "£677".

(3) For the Schedule substitute the Schedule contained in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(**a**) 1981 c. 22. The expression "the Ministers" is defined in section 86(1)(c). Functions of "the Ministers" under the Act (except for section 57(1)), so far as exercisable in relation to England, were transferred to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by S.I. 1999/3141, and functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food were transferred to the Secretary of State by article 2(2) of S.I. 2002/794.

(**b**) S.I. 2011/1509, amended by S.I. 2022/1121.

Amendment to the Animal Gatherings (Fees) (England) Order 2018

3. In the Animal Gatherings (Fees) (England) Order 2018(**a**), for the Schedule substitute the Schedule contained in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Transitional provision

4.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies to any amendment made by this Order to a provision for a fee relating to an application received by the Secretary of State, so far as the amendment increases the fee payable.

(2) The amendment does not apply in respect of any fee charged in relation to an application received by the Secretary of State before the coming into force of this Order.

Hayman of Ullock
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
6th November 2024 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

We approve

Jeff Smith
Vicky Foxcroft
4th November 2024 Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

(**a**) S.I. 2018/663, amended by S.I. 2022/1121.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(3)

"SCHEDULE

Article 2(b)

Fees payable on application

Purpose	***Fee (£)***
Use in relation to diseases of poultry (if one dilution rate is specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	4,630
Use in relation to diseases of poultry (if three dilution rates are specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	5,002
Use in relation to tuberculosis (if one dilution rate is specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	2,478
Use in relation to tuberculosis (if three dilution rates are specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	2,656
Use in relation to foot-and-mouth disease	4,705
Use in relation to swine vesicular disease	4,705
Use in relation to all other instances where there is a legislative requirement to use an approved disinfectant (if one dilution rate is specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	1,605
Use in relation to all other instances where there is a legislative requirement to use an approved disinfectant (if three dilution rates are specified by the person applying for the approval of the disinfectant)	1,711"

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

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Table 1

Fees payable for the licensing of premises for animal sales or collection centres that are not exempt under article 3(4) of this Order

Column 1	***Column 2***
Activity	***Fee (£) for applications received, and renewals undertaken***
Application for the issue or (where the premises have been radically changed) amendment of a licence for sale premises or a collection centre where such premises are assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting a low risk of disease. This fee includes up to 90 minutes of inspection time	433
Application for the issue or (where the premises have been radically changed) amendment of a licence for sale premises or for use as a collection centre, where such premises are assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting more than a low risk of disease. This fee includes up to 2 x 90 minutes of inspection time	780
Annual licence renewal fee for premises used for animal sales or for use as a collection centre, where such premises are assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting a low disease risk requiring only one inspection visit for the determination of the renewal. This fee includes up to 75 minutes of inspection time	387
Annual licence renewal fee for premises used for animal sales or for use as a collection centre, where such premises are assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting more than a low disease risk, and therefore requiring two inspection visits for the determination of the renewal. This fee includes up to 2 x 75 minutes of inspection time	550

Table 2

Fees payable for the licensing of premises for shows or exhibitions that are not exempt under article 3(4) of this Order

Column 1	*Column 2*
Activity	***Fee (£) for applications received, and renewals undertaken***
Application for a licence to organise shows or exhibitions on premises assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting a low risk of disease. This fee includes up to 60 minutes of inspection time	283
Application for a licence to organise shows or exhibitions on premises assessed by a veterinary inspector as presenting more than a low risk of disease. This fee includes up to 90 minutes of inspection time	467
Annual licence renewal of show or exhibition premises where a veterinary inspector assesses no inspection visit is required	201
Annual licence renewal of a show or exhibition premises where a veterinary inspector assesses a basic inspection visit is required. This fee includes up to 60 minutes of inspection time	329
Annual licence renewal of show or exhibition premises where a veterinary inspector assesses more than a basic inspection visit is required. This fee includes up to 60 minutes of inspection time	329

Table 3

Additional fees payable for the licensing of premises

Column 1	*Column 2*
Activity	***Fee (£) for veterinary visits undertaken***
Extra veterinary visit for the purpose of consideration of an application for a licence, annual renewal of a licence or follow-up non-compliance visit, that includes up to 75 minutes of veterinary inspector time for such visit	362
A veterinary visit for the purpose of consideration of a request for an in-year operational change, that includes up to 75 minutes of veterinary inspector time for such visit	362
Additional charge on any visit where the veterinary inspection time exceeds the fixed time provided in this Schedule	24 per quarter hour or part quarter hour spent
Time spent by a veterinary inspector travelling to and from the licensed premises, or premises proposed to be licensed, for the purpose of licensing activities that are not exempt from fees under article 3(4) of this Order	24 per quarter hour or part quarter hour spent, up to a maximum of 144”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends—

(a) the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Fees and Amendment) (England) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1509) ("the Approved Disinfectants Fees Order"); and

(b) the Animal Gatherings (Fees) (England) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/663) ("the Animal Gatherings Fees Order").

This Order increases fees payable to the Secretary of State under the Approved Disinfectants Fees Order and the Animal Gatherings Fees Order for services provided by the Animal and Plant Health Agency, an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Article 2 amends the Approved Disinfectants Fees Order to—

(a) increase the annual fee payable under article 3(1) for post-approval testing and administrative costs from £590 to £677 in respect of the year beginning on 1st September 2025 and ending on 31st August 2026, and each subsequent corresponding year (representing a 15% increase on the current fee, rounded to the nearest integer);

(b) substitute a new Schedule providing for increased fees for testing the efficacy and quality of disinfectants. The fees set out in column 2 represent the following percentage increases on the current fees (rounded to the nearest integer): 23% (row 2), 20% (row 3), 49% (row 4), 30% (row 5), 49% (rows 6 and 7), 56% (row 8) and 51% (row 9).

Article 3 amends the Animal Gatherings Fees Order to substitute a new Schedule providing for increased fees for the licensing of premises for animal gatherings. The new Schedule provides as follows.

(a) Table 1 sets out fees payable for the licensing of premises for animal sales or collection centres that are not exempt under article 3(4) of the Animal Gatherings Order. The fees set out in column 2 represent the following percentage increases on the current fees (rounded to the nearest integer): 14% (rows 3, 4 and 5) and 13% (row 6).

(b) Table 2 sets out fees payable for the licensing of premises for shows or exhibitions that are not exempt under article 3(4) of the Animal Gatherings Order. The fees set out in column 2 represent the following percentage increases on the current fees (rounded to the nearest integer): 20% (row 3), 14% (row 4), 20% (row 5), 92% (row 6) and 44% (row 7).

(c) Table 3 sets out additional fees payable for the licensing of premises. The fees set out in column 2 represent the following percentage increases on the current fees (rounded to the nearest integer): 14% (rows 3 and 4) and 9% (rows 5 and 6).

Article 4 disapplies the increased fees to applications received by the Secretary of State before this Order comes into force.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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