STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 280

FEES AND CHARGES

The Measuring Instruments (EEC Pattern Approval Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1983

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Coming into Operation	1*st April* 1983

The Secretary of State for Trade, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (EEC Pattern Approval Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

2. The Measuring Instruments (EEC Pattern Approval Requirements) (Fees) (No.2) Regulations 1981(**b**) are hereby amended in the Schedule as follows:—

(*a*) for sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(1) Where Regulation 7(1) of the principal Regulations applies (application for EEC pattern approval), the fees shall be—

(*a*) an amount calculated to the nearest quarter of an hour at the rate of £30.25 per hour, in respect of any time taken on or before 31st December 1983, and at the rate of £32 per hour in respect of any time taken thereafter, in conducting the examination, including any time spent in travelling, due and payable as indicated in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below;

(*b*) the amount of additional expenses, if any, incurred by or occasioned to the Secretary of State, by reason of any part of the examination taking place at a place other than the National Weights and Measures Laboratory of the Department of Trade, due and payable as indicated in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below.

(**a**) 1973 c. 51. (**b**) S.I. 1981/1825.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, the amounts referred to in sub-paragraphs (1)(*a*) and (*b*) above shall be due and payable on the service on the applicant of an invoice from the Secretary of State quarterly in arrears.";

(*b*) in paragraph 2(1)(*a*), for "£19.35" there shall be substituted "£25".

Gerard Vaughan,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

22nd February 1983.

We consent.

Donald Thompson,
J. A. Cope,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

1st March 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations amend the Measuring Instruments (EEC Pattern Approval Requirements) (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 1981 (S.I. 1981/1825). They increase the fees payable in connection with services provided by the Department of Trade in respect of EEC pattern approval of, and approval of modifications or additions to EEC approved patterns of, certain measuring instruments.

The fees for pattern approval under S.I. 1981/1825 were a minimum fee of £50 payable on receipt of an invoice from the Secretary of State, together with an amount calculated at a rate of £22 per hour to the nearest quarter of an hour in respect of the time taken on or before 31st December 1982 to conduct the examination and at a rate of £30.25 per hour thereafter, payable quarterly in arrears, together with any additional expenses incurred, these two latter amounts being subject to the deduction of the minimum fee. The amendments abolish the minimum fee and increase the rate in respect of time taken after 31st December 1983 from £30.25 to £32 per hour.

The fees for approval of modifications or additions to EEC approved patterns are increased from £19.35 to £25 per hour.

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