# EXECUTIVE NOTE

# THE POULTRY COMPARTMENTS (FEES) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2010
# SSI 2010/151

1. This instrument is made under section 84(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981. It is subject to negative resolution procedure.

## Policy Objectives

2. This instrument provides for the payment of fees for inspections in connection with applications for the approval of poultry compartments made under the Poultry Compartments (Scotland) Order 2010.

## Policy Background

3. The Poultry Compartments (Scotland) Order 2010 implements Commission Regulation (EC) 616/2009 ("the Commission Regulation") which introduces a voluntary compartmentalisation scheme for poultry producers whose premises meet high standards of biosecurity.

4. The objective of the Commission Regulation is to facilitate trade in poultry and poultry products in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza.

5. The Competent Authority (i.e. the Scottish Ministers) is required to arrange inspections of proposed compartments to ensure that they meet the standards of biosecurity, and also re-inspections to ensure that these are maintained.

6. As the scheme is voluntary, and is for the commercial advantage of the producers, The Scottish Ministers deem it reasonable that producers should pay for its administration. The inspections required to secure and maintain approval will be conducted by the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) on a commercial basis. The scale of fees that will apply are set out in the Schedule to the Order.

## Consultation

7. The poultry industry was involved at all stages in the development of the scheme.

## Financial Implications

8. There will be no cost implications for the public sector from the making of this Order. There will be costs for any producer applying for approval under the scheme but as it is a voluntary scheme producers will do so on a voluntary basis.

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