

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance (Cap. 207)
Pounds Ordinance (Cap. 168)
Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap.139)
Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)
Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421)
Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167)

**PLANT (IMPORTATION AND PEST CONTROL)(FEES)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001**

POUNDS FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001

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**VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTRATION (FEES)
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**RABIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT OF
SCHEDULE 1) NOTICE 2001**

**DANGEROUS DOGS REGULATION
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 3) NOTICE 2001**

INTRODUCTION

Section 29A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1) empowers the Financial Secretary to vary fees which have previously been fixed by subsidiary legislation made by the Chief Executive in Council. By virtue of section 3 of Cap. 1, the Financial Secretary also means the Secretary for the Treasury. In exercise of this power, the Secretary for the Treasury has made the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2001, the Pounds Fees (Amendment) Regulation 2001 and the Dairies (Amendment) Regulation 2001 at Annexes A, B and C respectively to revise a number of fees payable under the following Regulations:-

Annexes
A, B, C

- (a) the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance(Cap. 207);

(b) the Pounds Fees Regulations (Cap. 168 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the Pounds Ordinance (Cap. 168); and

(c) the Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139).

Annex D

2. Section 28(2) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) empowers the Financial Secretary (which also means the Secretary for the Treasury under section 3 of Cap. 1) to provide by regulation for the fees in connection with matters within the scope of the said Ordinance. In exercise of this power, the Secretary for the Treasury has made the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 at Annex D to revise the fees payable under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the said Ordinance.

Annex E

3. In exercise of the power under section 35 of the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421), the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation has made the Rabies Regulation (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2001 at Annex E to revise the fees payable under the Rabies Regulation.

Annex F

4. In exercise of the power under section 19(2) of the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.) made pursuant to the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167), the Secretary for the Environment and Food has made the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Amendment of Schedule 3) Notice 2001 at Annex F to revise the fee payable under the Dangerous Dogs Regulation.

BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

5. It is Government policy that certain fees and charges should in general be set out at levels sufficient to recover the full costs of providing the services. Most Government fees and charges have been frozen since February 1998 as an exceptional measure to ease the burden on the community at a time of economic setback. In view of the current state of economic recovery, the Administration consulted the previous LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs on 13 April 2000 on proposals to revise various fees that would not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities. Taking into account the diverse nature of the fees involved, Members suggested and the previous LegCo House Committee agreed on 14 April 2000 that the Administration should consult the relevant LegCo Panels on whether, and if so, how the fees under their respective purview should be adjusted. In this connection, the Administration consulted the previous LegCo Panel on the Health Services on 16 June 2000 and submitted a further information paper on 9 November 2000 on our proposals to revise the fees for the services related to

the control of animals and plants and the registration of veterinary surgeons provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

6. Among the proposed fees, the fees under the Rabies Regulation were last revised in June 1997 and those under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations, the Pounds Fees Regulations and the Dairies Regulations were last revised in December 1997. The fees under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation and the Dangerous Dogs Regulation were first introduced in November 1998 and June 2000 respectively, and the latter fee is pegged to a similar fee under the Rabies Regulation.

7. A costing exercise conducted at 2000-01 prices reveals that some of the fees fall short of full cost recovery. It is acknowledged that it would cause some difficulties if the fees are increased rapidly to achieve full cost recovery. The Administration therefore proposes to phase in their full cost recovery, taking account of different circumstances, along the following lines:-

- (a) to achieve full cost recovery within three to seven years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of 40% – 70% through a 15% increase; and
- (b) to achieve full cost recovery within one to three years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of over 70% through a 10% or lower increase.

In short, these fees will be increased by 2.9% to 15% in the current fee revision exercise.

8. The costing result also reveals that some of the existing fees exceed the full costs which have been reduced as a result of streamlining of operations. The Administration therefore proposes to reduce such fees by 10% to 42% to tally with the full costs at 2000-01 prices.

9. Regarding the subsidized fees related to the quarantine maintenance of plants, the treatment of plants and soil, the impounding and detention of animals, the Administration proposes to increase them by 2.9% to maintain their real values, based on the movement of the Government Consumption Expenditure Deflator from 1997-98 to 2000-01.

10. The cost computations of the fee items are at Annexes G to L. Details of the existing and proposed fees are at Annexes M to R.

Annexes
G to L

Annexes
M to R

THE REGULATIONS

11. The proposed legislation at Annexes A to F seeks to revise the fees payable under the respective Regulations as set out at Annexes M to R. The Administration proposes that the new fees should take effect from 16 February 2001.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

12. The Administration consulted the previous LegCo Panel on Health Services on 16 June 2000 and submitted a further information paper on 9 November 2000 on the above fee revision proposals. Members of the Panel did not raise any objection. The trades concerned were also consulted on the proposals and generally raised no objection.

BASIC LAW IMPLICATIONS

13. The Department of Justice advises that the proposed legislation is consistent with the Basic Law.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

14. The Department of Justice advises that the proposed legislation has no human rights implications.

BINDING EFFECT OF THE LEGISLATION

15. The proposed legislation will not affect the binding effect of the related Regulations.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

16. The above proposals are estimated to bring in an additional revenue of \$220,000 per annum. There are no staffing implications.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

17. The proposed fee revisions should have no significant economic impacts.

EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES

18. AFCD is committed to providing an efficient service to the public. Through the implementation of efficiency initiatives including streamlining of

procedures, it is able to propose fee reductions in some of the services included in the current fee revision exercise and to increase outputs without additional staff. In 1999, AFCD handled 1,370 import inspections on plants and issued 2,598 import licences, representing increases of 39% and 19% over the outputs in 1998 respectively.

PUBLICITY

19. The proposed legislation will be gazetted on 5 January 2001. A press release announcing the fee revisions will be issued on the same day.

OTHERS

20. For any enquiries on this brief, please contact Miss Lavinia Tang (Senior Treasury Accountant of AFCD) at 2150 6720.

Environment and Food Bureau
5 January 2001

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Annexes A to F : Proposed Legislation

Annexes G to L: Cost Computations

Annexes M to R: Existing and Proposed Fees

**PLANT (IMPORTATION AND PEST CONTROL) (FEES)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001**

(Made under section 26 of the Plant (Importation and Pest Control)
Ordinance (Cap. 207) and section 29A of the Interpretation
and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

**2. Fees for visit to applicant's premises
for examination of plants**

Regulation 3 of the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.) is amended by repealing "\$112" and substituting "\$115".

3. Fees for examination of plants

Schedule 1 is amended, in the column headed "Fee" -

(a) in item 1 -

(i) by repealing "107", "165" and "41" and substituting
"110", "170" and "43" respectively;

(ii) by repealing "200" where it twice appears and
substituting "210";

(b) in item 2 -

(i) by repealing "107" and substituting "110";

- (ii) by repealing "134" where it twice appears and substituting "140";
- (c) in item 3 -
 - (i) by repealing "113" and substituting "120";
 - (ii) by repealing "130" where it twice appears and substituting "135";
- (d) in item 4 -
 - (i) by repealing "107" and substituting "110";
 - (ii) by repealing "120" where it twice appears and substituting "125";
- (e) in item 5 -
 - (i) by repealing "96", "148", "200" and "52" and substituting "100", "155", "210" and "55" respectively;
 - (ii) by repealing "251" where it twice appears and substituting "265";
- (f) in item 6 -
 - (i) by repealing "96" and "113" and substituting "100" and "120" respectively;
 - (ii) by repealing "148" where it twice appears and substituting "155";
- (g) in item 7 -

- (i) by repealing "96" and "130" and substituting "100" and "135" respectively;
 - (ii) by repealing "148" where it twice appears and substituting "155";
- (h) in item 8 -
 - (i) by repealing "96" and "130" and substituting "100" and "135" respectively;
 - (ii) by repealing "148" where it twice appears and substituting "155";
- (i) in item 9 -
 - (i) by repealing "96" and "113" and substituting "100" and "120" respectively;
 - (ii) by repealing "130" where it twice appears and substituting "135".

4. Quarantine maintenance fees

Schedule 2 is amended -

- (a) in item 1, by repealing "46" and substituting "47";
- (b) in item 2(a) and (b), by repealing "46" and substituting "47";
- (c) in item 3(a), by repealing "46" and substituting "47";
- (d) in item 3(b), by repealing "26" and substituting "27".

5. Fees for the treatment of plants and soil

Schedule 3 is amended -

- (a) in item 1 -
 - (i) by repealing "77" where it twice appears and substituting "80";
 - (ii) by repealing "59" and substituting "60";
- (b) in item 2 -
 - (i) by repealing "66" where it twice appears and substituting "70";
 - (ii) by repealing "46" and substituting "47";
- (c) in item 3 -
 - (i) by repealing "66" where it twice appears and substituting "70";
 - (ii) by repealing "46" and substituting "47";
- (d) in item 4 -
 - (i) by repealing "34" where it twice appears and substituting "35";
 - (ii) by repealing "26" and substituting "27".

Acting Secretary for the Treasury

29 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Regulation increases the fees payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.).

POUNDS FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001

(Made under section 3 of the Pounds Ordinance (Cap. 168)
and section 29A of the Interpretation and
General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

2. Fees

Regulation 2 of the Pounds Fees Regulations (Cap. 168 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (a), by repealing "\$23" and substituting "\$24";
- (b) in paragraph (d)(i), by repealing "\$43" and substituting "\$44";
- (c) in paragraph (d)(ii), by repealing "\$223" and substituting "\$230".

Acting Secretary for the Treasury

29 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Regulation increases the fees payable under the Pounds Fees Regulations (Cap. 168 sub. leg.).

DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001

(Made under section 3 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139) and section 29A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

2. Power of Director to issue licence to maintain dairy, etc.

Regulation 8 of the Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (3)(a), by repealing "\$6,600" and substituting "\$6,880";
- (b) in paragraph (3)(b), by repealing "\$165" and substituting "\$172".

Acting Secretary for the Treasury

29 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Regulation increases the fee payable for a licence to maintain a dairy.

**VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTRATION (FEES)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001**

(Made under section 28(2) of the Veterinary Surgeons
Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

2. Fees

The Schedule to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in item 1, by repealing "725" and substituting "775";
- (b) in item 2, by repealing "590" and substituting "625";
- (c) in item 3, by repealing "590" and substituting "625";
- (d) in item 4, by repealing "590" and substituting "625";
- (e) in item 5, by repealing "310" and substituting "330".

Acting Secretary for the Treasury

29 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Regulation increases the fees payable for the application for registration as a registered veterinary surgeon, application for issuance of a practising certificate, application for renewal of a practising certificate, extension of time for renewal of a practising certificate, and for issuance of a certificate of registration under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529).

RABIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) NOTICE 2001

(Made under section 35 of the Rabies Regulation
(Cap. 421 sub. leg.))

1. Commencement

This Notice shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

2. Fees

Schedule 1 to the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.) is amended -

(a) in Part I -

- (i) in item 7, by repealing "140" and substituting "125";
- (ii) in item 8, by repealing "140" and substituting "82";
- (iii) in item 9, by repealing "70" and substituting "80";
- (iv) in item 10, by repealing "40" and substituting "46";

(b) in Part II -

- (i) in item 1(a), by repealing "120" and substituting "90";
- (ii) in item 1(b), by repealing "72" and substituting "46";

- (iii) in item 1(f), by repealing "72" and substituting "46";
- (iv) in item 1(g)(i), by repealing "72" and substituting "46";
- (v) in item 2(a), by repealing "\$82" and substituting "\$94";
- (vi) in item 2(b), by repealing "\$67" and substituting "\$77";
- (vii) in item 2(c), by repealing "\$67" and substituting "\$77";
- (viii) in item 4, by repealing "\$550" and "\$39" and substituting "\$565" and "\$40" respectively.

Director of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Conservation

27 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Notice revises certain licence and permit fees and detention fees payable under the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.).

**DANGEROUS DOGS REGULATION (AMENDMENT OF
SCHEDULE 3) NOTICE 2001**

(Made under section 19(2) of the Dangerous
Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.))

1. Commencement

This Notice shall come into operation on 16 February 2001.

2. Detention Fee

Schedule 3 to the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.) is amended by repealing "\$120" and substituting "\$90".

Acting Secretary for the
Environment and Food

27 December 2000

Explanatory Note

This Notice reduces the detention fee payable in respect of the detention of a dog under the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167) or the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.).

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fee for Examination of Plants at the Premises of a Person Applying for
a Phytosanitary Certificate in Regulation 3 of Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	\$
Staff Costs	100
Departmental Expenses	10
Accommodation Costs	5
Depreciation	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0
Central Administrative Overhead	3
Unit Cost	<u>118</u>
Existing Fee	112
Proposed Fee	115

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Living Plants in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 1 in Schedule 1</u>			
	(1) ^a	(1) ^b	(1) ^c	(1) ^d
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	102	158	192	40
Departmental Expenses	1	2	3	0
Accommodation Costs	4	7	8	2
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1	1	0
Central Administrative Overhead	3	4	5	1
Unit Cost	<u>111</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>43</u>
Existing Fee	107	165	200	41
Proposed Fee	110	170	210	43

Legend

- (1)^a Fee for examination of living plants not exceeding 5 plants
- (1)^b Fee for examination of living plants exceeding 5 plants and not exceeding 20 plants
- (1)^c Fee for examination of living plants exceeding 20 plants and not exceeding 50 plants, and for the first 50 plants if the total number exceeds 50 plants
- (1)^d Fee for examination of each additional multiple of 50 living plants or part thereof after the first 50 plants if the total number exceeds 50 plants

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Cut Flowers in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 2 in Schedule 1</u>	
	(2) ^a	(2) ^b
	\$	\$
Staff Costs	102	128
Departmental Expenses	2	2
Accommodation Costs	4	6
Depreciation	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	1
Central Administrative Overhead	3	3
Unit Cost	<hr/> 111	<hr/> 140
Existing Fee	107	134
Proposed Fee	110	140

Legend

- (2)^a Fee for examination of cut flowers not exceeding 10 dozen
- (2)^b Fee for examination of cut flowers exceeding 10 dozen and not exceeding 100 dozen, and for the first 100 dozen if the total number exceeds 100 dozen

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Aquatic Plants in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 3 in Schedule 1</u>	
	(3) ^a	(3) ^b
	\$	\$
Staff Costs	108	125
Departmental Expenses	2	2
Accommodation Costs	5	5
Depreciation	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1
Central Administrative Overhead	3	3
Unit Cost	<hr/> 119	<hr/> 136
Existing Fee	113	130
Proposed Fee	120	135

Legend

- (3)^a Fee for examination of aquatic plants not exceeding 200 plants
- (3)^b Fee for examination of aquatic plants exceeding 200 plants and not exceeding 2,000 plants, and for the first 2,000 plants if the total number exceeds 2,000 plants

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Bulbs, Corms, Roots, Tubers for the purpose of
propagation in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 4 in Schedule 1</u>	
	(4) ^a	(4) ^b
	\$	\$
Staff Costs	102	115
Departmental Expenses	2	2
Accommodation Costs	4	5
Depreciation	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1
Central Administrative Overhead	3	3
Unit Cost	<hr/> 112	<hr/> 126
Existing Fee	107	120
Proposed Fee	110	125

Legend

- (4)^a Fee for examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation not exceeding 100 in number
- (4)^b Fee for examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation exceeding 100 in number and not exceeding 1,000, and for the first 1,000 if the total number exceeds 1,000

COST COMPUTATION

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)**

**Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Fresh Plant Products in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)**

	Item No. 5 in Schedule 1				
	(5) ^a	(5) ^b	(5) ^c	(5) ^d	(5) ^e
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	92	142	192	242	50
Departmental Expenses	1	2	3	3	1
Accommodation Costs	4	6	8	11	2
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1	1	1	0
Central Administrative Overhead	2	4	5	6	1
Unit Cost	<u>100</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>54</u>
Existing Fee	96	148	200	251	52
Proposed Fee	100	155	210	265	55

Legend

- (5)^a Fee for examination of fresh plant products not exceeding 50kg
- (5)^b Fee for examination of fresh plant products exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg
- (5)^c Fee for examination of fresh plant products exceeding 200 kg and not exceeding 500 kg
- (5)^d Fee for examination of fresh plant products exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg, and for the first 1,000 kg if the total weight exceeds 1,000 kg
- (5)^e Fee for examination of fresh plant products for each additional multiple of 1,000 kg or part thereof after the first 1,000 kg if the total weight exceeds 1,000 kg

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Dried Plant Products in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 6 in Schedule 1</u>		
	(6) ^a	(6) ^b	(6) ^c
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	92	108	142
Departmental Expenses	1	2	2
Accommodation Costs	4	5	6
Depreciation	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1	1
Central Administrative Overhead	2	3	4
Unit Cost	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 119	<hr/> 155
Existing Fee	96	113	148
Proposed Fee	100	120	155

Legend

- (6)^a Fee for examination of dried plant products not exceeding 50kg
- (6)^b Fee for examination of dried plant products exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 500 kg
- (6)^c Fee for examination of dried plant products exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg, and for the first 1,000 kg if the total weight exceeds 1,000 kg

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Cereal Grains, Pulses and Seeds
in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item Nos. 7 and 8 in Schedule 1</u>		
	(7) ^a , (8) ^a	(7) ^b , (8) ^b	(7) ^c , (8) ^c
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	92	125	142
Departmental Expenses	1	2	2
Accommodation Costs	4	5	6
Depreciation	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1	1
Central Administrative Overhead	2	3	4
Unit Cost	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> 100	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> 136	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> 155
Existing Fee	96	130	148
Proposed Fee	100	135	155

Legend

- (7)^a Fee for examination of cereal grains and pulses not exceeding 500 kg
- (7)^b Fee for examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg
- (7)^c Fee for examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 1,000 kg and not exceeding 2,000 kg, and for the first 2,000 kg if the total weight exceeds 2,000 kg
- (8)^a Fee for examination of seeds not exceeding 10 kg
- (8)^b Fee for examination of seeds exceeding 10 kg and not exceeding 50 kg
- (8)^c Fee for examination of seeds exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg, and for the first 200 kg if the total weight exceeds 200 kg

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Examination of Timber in Schedule 1 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. 9 in Schedule 1</u>		
	(9) ^a	(9) ^b	(9) ^c
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	92	108	125
Departmental Expenses	1	2	2
Accommodation Costs	4	5	5
Depreciation	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	1	1
Central Administrative Overhead	2	3	3
Unit Cost	<u>100</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>136</u>
Existing Fee	96	113	130
Proposed Fee	100	120	135

Legend

- (9)^a Fee for examination of timber not exceeding 1 m³
- (9)^b Fee for examination of timber exceeding 1 m³ and not exceeding 50 m³
- (9)^c Fee for examination of timber exceeding 50 m³ and not exceeding 100 m³, and for the first 100 m³ if the total volume exceeds 100 m³

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations
(Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Quarantine Maintenance in Schedule 2 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item Nos. in Schedule 2</u>		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	675	651	651
Departmental Expenses	80	79	79
Accommodation Costs	217	217	217
Depreciation	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	1	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	18	17	17
Unit Cost	<hr/> 991	<hr/> 964	<hr/> 964
Existing Fee	46	46	26
Proposed Fee	47	47	27

Legend

- (1) Quarantine maintenance fee for plants occupying an area not exceeding 0.5 m² for a period not exceeding 3 months, and for plants occupying the first area of 0.5 m² if the total area exceeds 0.5 m² for a period not exceeding 3 months
- (2) Quarantine maintenance fee for plants occupying each additional area of 0.5m² or part thereof after the first area of 0.5 m² if the total area exceeds 0.5 m² for a period not exceeding 3 months, and for plants occupying an area for the first 3 months if the total period exceeds 3 months (for each occupied area of 0.5m² or less)
- (3) Quarantine maintenance fee for plants occupying an area for each additional period of 3 months or part thereof after the first 3 months if the total period exceeds 3 months (for each occupied area of 0.5 m² or less)

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices

(Fees for Treatment of Plants and Soil in Schedule 3 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item Nos. 1 and 2 in Schedule 3</u>			
	(1) ^a	(1) ^b	(2) ^a	(2) ^b
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	169	145	145	121
Departmental Expenses	81	80	78	78
Accommodation Costs	101	101	101	101
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	0	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	4	4	4	3
Unit Cost	355	330	328	303
Existing Fee	77	59	66	46
Proposed Fee	80	60	70	47

Legend

- (1)^a Fee for treatment of bulbs, corms, roots and tubers not exceeding 1,000 in number, and for the first 1,000 if the total number exceeds 1,000
- (1)^b Fee for treatment of bulbs, corms, roots and tubers for each additional multiple of 1,000 or part thereof after the first 1,000 if the total number exceeds 1,000
- (2)^a Fee for treatment of foliated materials not exceeding 20 pieces, and for the first 20 pieces if the total number exceeds 20 pieces
- (2)^b Fee for treatment of foliated materials for each additional multiple of 20 pieces or part thereof after the first 20 pieces if the total number exceeds 20 pieces

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Fees Payable under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices (Fees for Treatment of Plants and Soil in Schedule 3 to Cap. 207 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item Nos. 3 and 4 in Schedule 3</u>			
	(3) ^a	(3) ^b	(4) ^a	(4) ^b
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	145	121	73	73
Departmental Expenses	80	80	22	22
Accommodation Costs	101	101	100	100
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	0	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	4	3	2	2
Unit Cost	330	305	197	197
Existing Fee	66	46	34	26
Proposed Fee	70	47	35	27

Legend

- (3)^a Fee for treatment of seeds, grains and pulses not exceeding 100 kg, and for the first 100 kg if the total weight exceeds 100 kg
- (3)^b Fee for treatment of seeds, grains and pulses for each additional multiple of 100 kg or part thereof after the first 100 kg if the total weight exceeds 100 kg
- (4)^a Fee for treatment of soil not exceeding 40 kg, and for the first 40 kg if the total weight exceeds 40 kg
- (4)^b Fee for treatment of soil for each additional multiple of 40 kg or part thereof after the first 40 kg if the total weight exceeds 40 kg

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Pounds Fees Regulations
(Cap. 168 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices

(Fees for Impounding of Stray Animals in Regulation 2 of Cap. 168 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item Nos. in Regulation 2</u>		
	(a)	(d)(i)	(d)(ii)
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	5,336	5,336	5,336
Departmental Expenses	492	492	492
Accommodation Costs	171	171	171
Depreciation	103	103	103
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	37	37	37
Central Administrative Overhead	139	139	139
Unit Cost	6,278	6,278	6,278
Existing Fee	23	43	223
Proposed Fee	24	44	230

Legend

- (a) Fee for every horse, mule, donkey, buffalo, or ox.
- (d)(i) Fee for any animal not specified in paragraph (a),(b) or (c) in Regulation 2, not being a dog, weighing less than 10 kg
- (d)(ii) Fee for any animal not specified in paragraph (a),(b) or (c) in Regulation 2, not being a dog, weighing 10 kg or more

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Dairies Regulations
(Cap. 139 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for Licensing of Dairies in Regulation 8 of Cap. 139 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No.3 in Regulation 8</u>	
	3(a)	3(b)
	\$	\$
Staff Costs	4,424	111
Departmental Expenses	1,568	39
Accommodation Costs	164	4
Depreciation	612	15
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	116	3
Unit Cost	6,884	172
Existing Fee	6,600	165
Proposed Fee	6,880	172

Legend

- 3(a) Fee for licence to maintain a dairy – minimum fee
- 3(b) Fee for dairy licence per cow or buffalo over the age of 12 months

COST COMPUTATION

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Fees Payable under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation
(Cap. 529 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(Fees for registration of veterinary surgeons and related matters
in Schedule to Cap. 529 sub. leg.)

	<u>Item No. in Schedule</u>		
	(1)	(2),(3),(4)	(5)
	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	725	585	311
Departmental Expenses	7	6	3
Accommodation Costs	22	20	10
Depreciation	0	0	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	19	15	8
Unit Cost	<u>773</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>332</u>
Existing Fee	725	590	310
Proposed Fee	775	625	330

Legend

- (1) Fee for application for registration under section 10(1) of Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance
- (2) Fee for application for issuance of a practising certificate under section 12(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance
- (3) Fee for application for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(4) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance
- (4) Fee for extension of time for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(7) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance
- (5) Fee for issuance of a certificate of registration under section 14 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance

COST COMPUTATION**Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department****Fees Payable under the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.)****Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices****(for Licence and Permit Fees in Part I of Schedule 1 to Cap. 421 sub. leg.)**

	<u>Item Nos. in Part I of Schedule 1</u>			
	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	116	77	148	70
Departmental Expenses	2	1	24	19
Accommodation Costs	5	2	9	6
Depreciation	0	0	3	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	0	0	0	0
Central Administrative Overhead	3	2	4	2
Unit Cost	<hr/> 126	<hr/> 82	<hr/> 188	<hr/> 97
Existing Fee	140	140	70	40
Proposed Fee	125	82	80	46

Legend

- (7) Extension or variation of an import permit
- (8) Duplicate copy of a licence, certificate or permit
- (9) Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance who is a public officer
- (10) Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance who is not a public officer

COST COMPUTATION
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Fees Payable under the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.)

Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices
(for Detention Fees in Part II of Schedule 1 to Cap. 421 sub. leg.)

	Item Nos. in Part II of Schedule 1				
	(1)(a)	(1)(b),(f),(g)(i)	(2)(a)	(2)(b),(c)	(4)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Costs	43	31	71	44	733 (plus 39 for each day of detention)
Departmental Expenses	14	6	6	28	76 (plus 6)
Accommodation Costs	27	6	16	9	8 (plus 3)
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	28 (plus 0)
Cost of Services	5	1	3	3	0 (plus 1)
Provided by					
Other Departments					
Central Administrative	1	1	2	1	19 (plus 1)
Overhead					
Unit Cost	90	45	98	85	864 (plus 50)
Existing Fee	120	72	82	67	550 (plus 39)
Proposed Fee	90	46	94	77	565 (plus 40)

Legend

- (1)(a) For detention of a dog in a quarantine center (other than a licensed quarantine center) per day or part thereof
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- (1)(b),(f),(g)(i) For detention of a cat, a rodent, a lagomorph or any other animal under 1kg in body weight per day or part thereof
- (2)(a) For detention of a dog in an observation center (other than a licensed observation centre) per day or part thereof. This fee item is applicable to detention of biter dogs.
- (2)(b),(c) For detention of a cat or any animal other than a dog and a cat in an observation center (other than a licensed observation center) per day or part thereof
- (4) For detention of a Part II animal under Section 7 [other than section 7(1)(d)(iv)] of the Ordinance (mainly stray dogs). This fee item involves catching operations.

COST COMPUTATION**Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department****Fee Payable under the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.)****Costs at 2000 – 01 Prices****(for detention fee of a dog set out in Schedule 3 to Cap. 167 sub. leg.)**

	\$
Staff Costs	43
Departmental Expenses	14
Accommodation Costs	27
Depreciation	0
Cost of Services Provided by Other Departments	5
Central Administrative Overhead	1
Unit Cost	<u>90</u>
Existing Fee	120
Proposed Fee	90

**Existing and Proposed Fees
Under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control)
(Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207 sub. leg.)**

<u>Regulation 3</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
	Making an examination of plants at the premises of a person applying for a phytosanitary certificate	\$112 per visit	\$115 per visit

Schedule 1 – Fees for Examination of Plants

<u>Item No. in the Schedule</u>	<u>Nature of Examination</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
1.	Living Plants -		
	Not exceeding 5 plants	\$107	\$110
	Exceeding 5 plants and not exceeding 20 plants	\$165	\$170
	Exceeding 20 plants and not exceeding 50 plants	\$200	\$210
	Exceeding 50 plants-		
	(a) The first 50 plants	\$200	\$210
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 50 plants or part thereof	\$41	\$43
2.	Cut Flowers -		
	Not exceeding 10 dozen	\$107	\$110
	Exceeding 10 dozen and not exceeding 100 dozen	\$134	\$140
	Exceeding 100 dozen-		
	(a) The first 100 dozen	\$134	\$140

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Nature of Examination</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
3.	Aquatic Plants -		
	Not exceeding 200 plants	\$113	\$120
	Exceeding 200 plants and not exceeding 2,000 plants	\$130	\$135
	Exceeding 2,000 plants-		
	(a) The first 2,000 plants	\$130	\$135
4.	Bulbs, Corms, Roots, Tubers for the purpose of propagation -		
	Not exceeding 100	\$107	\$110
	Exceeding 100 and not exceeding 1,000	\$120	\$125
	Exceeding 1,000-		
	(a) The first 1,000	\$120	\$125
5.	Fresh Plant Products -		
	Not exceeding 50 kg	\$96	\$100
	Exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg	\$148	\$155
	Exceeding 200 kg and not exceeding 500 kg	\$200	\$210
	Exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg	\$251	\$265
	Exceeding 1,000 kg-		
	(a) The first 1,000 kg	\$251	\$265
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 1,000 kg or part thereof	\$52	\$55
6.	Dried Plant Products -		
	Not exceeding 50 kg	\$96	\$100
	Exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 500 kg	\$113	\$120
	Exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg	\$148	\$155
	Exceeding 1,000 kg-		
	(a) The first 1,000 kg	\$148	\$155

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Nature of Examination</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u>
7.	Cereal Grains and Pulses -		
	Not exceeding 500 kg	\$96	\$100
	Exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg	\$130	\$135
	Exceeding 1,000 kg and not exceeding 2,000 kg	\$148	\$155
	Exceeding 2,000 kg-		
	(a) The first 2,000 kg	\$148	\$155
8.	Seeds -		
	Not exceeding 10 kg	\$96	\$100
	Exceeding 10 kg and not exceeding 50 kg	\$130	\$135
	Exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg	\$148	\$155
	Exceeding 200 kg-		
	(a) The first 200 kg	\$148	\$155
9.	Timber -		
	Not exceeding 1 m ³	\$96	\$100
	Exceeding 1 m ³ and not exceeding 50 m ³	\$113	\$120
	Exceeding 50 m ³ and not exceeding 100 m ³	\$130	\$135
	Exceeding 100 m ³ -		
	(a) The first 100 m ³	\$130	\$135

Schedule 2 – Quarantine Maintenance Fees

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u>
1.	Plants occupying an area not exceeding 0.5 m ² for a period not exceeding 3 months	\$46	\$47
2.	Plants occupying an area exceeding 0.5 m ² for a period not exceeding 3 months-		
	(a) The first area of 0.5 m ²	\$46	\$47
	(b) Thereafter, each additional area of 0.5 m ² or part thereof	\$46	\$47
3.	Plants occupying an area for a period exceeding 3 months-		
	(a) The first 3 months (for each occupied area of 0.5 m ² or less)	\$46	\$47
	(b) Thereafter, each additional period of 3 months or part thereof (for each occupied area of 0.5 m ² or less)	\$26	\$27

Schedule 3 – Fees for the Treatment of Plants and Soil

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u>
1.	Bulbs, corms, roots and tubers -		
	Not exceeding 1,000	\$77	\$80
	Exceeding 1,000-		
	(a) The first 1,000	\$77	\$80
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 1,000 or part thereof	\$59	\$60

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u>
2.	Foliated materials - Not exceeding 20 pieces	\$66	\$70
	Exceeding 20 pieces-		
	(a) The first 20 pieces	\$66	\$70
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 20 pieces or part thereof	\$46	\$47
3.	Seeds, grains and pulses - Not exceeding 100 kg	\$66	\$70
	Exceeding 100 kg-		
	(a) The first 100 kg	\$66	\$70
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 100 kg or part thereof	\$46	\$47
4.	Soil - Not exceeding 40 kg	\$34	\$35
	Exceeding 40 kg-		
	(a) The first 40 kg	\$34	\$35
	(b) Thereafter, each additional multiple of 40 kg or part thereof	\$26	\$27

ANNEX N

Existing and Proposed Fees

Under Regulation 2 of the Pounds Fees Regulations (Cap. 168 sub. leg.)

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Regulation</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u> \$	<u>Proposed Fee</u> \$
(a)	Fee for every horse, mule, donkey, buffalo, or ox	23	24
(d)	Fee for any animal not specified in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) in Regulation 2, not being a dog		
(i)	weighing less than 10kg	43	44
(ii)	weighing 10kg or more	223	230

Existing and Proposed Fees
Under Regulation 8 of the Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.)

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Regulation</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>\$</u>
3(a)	Licence to maintain a dairy [per licence] – minimum fee	6,600	6,880
3(b)	Dairy licence [per licence] per cow or buffalo over the age of 12 months	165	172

Existing and Proposed Fees
Under the Schedule to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration
(Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529 sub. leg.)

<u>Item No.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u> \$	<u>Proposed Fee</u> \$
1	Application for registration under section 10(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance	725	775
2	Application for issuance of a practising certificate under section 12(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance	590	625
3	Application for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(4) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance	590	625
4	Extension of time for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(7) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance	590	625
5	Issuance of a certificate of registration under section 14 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance	310	330

Existing and Proposed Fees
Under Schedule 1 to the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421 sub. leg.)

<u>Item no.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u> \$	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u> \$
<u>Part I</u> <u>Licence and Permit Fees</u>			
7	Extension or variation of an import permit	140	125
8	Duplicate copy of a licence, certificate or permit	140	82
9	Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance who is a public officer	70	80
10	Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance who is not a public officer	40	46

<u>Item no.</u> <u>in the</u> <u>Schedule</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u> \$	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee</u> \$
Part II <u>Detention Fees</u>			
1	For detention of an animal in a quarantine centre (other than a licensed quarantine centre) - fee per day or part thereof		
	(a) Dogs	120	90
	(b) Cats	72	46
	(f) Rodents and lagomorphs	72	46
	(g) Other animals - animals under 1 kg in body weight	72	46
2	For detention of an animal in an observation centre (other than a licensed observation centre) – fee per day or part thereof		
	(a) Dogs	82	94
	(b) Cats	67	77
	(c) animals other than dogs and cats	67	77
4	For detention of a Part II animal under Section 7 [other than section 7(1)(d)(iv)] of the Rabies Ordinance (mainly stray dogs)]	\$550 plus \$39 for each day (or part thereof) during which the animal is detained	\$565 plus \$40 for each day (or part thereof) during which the animal is detained)

Existing and Proposed Fees

Under Schedule 3 to the Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167 sub. leg.)

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Detention of a dog under the Ordinance or the Regulation	\$120 (for each day or part of a day)	\$90 (for each day or part of a day)