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Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Proposed Revision of Fees and Charges under the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposal to revise 140 statutory fee items for services provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

BACKGROUND

2. In line with the "user pays" principle, it is Government's policy that fees and charges of Government services should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. In the 2013-14 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary stressed that the Government needed to ensure a stable income by preserving tax revenue and adhering to the "user pays" principle in order to uphold fiscal sustainability and prudent management of public finances. To prevent cost recovery items from being turned into heavily subsidized items, the Government would review the fees and charges. The Government would first deal with fees that have not been revised for years and do not directly affect people's livelihood, as well as items which have low cost recovery rates. The Government had also undertaken that there would not be substantial revisions at one go to avoid affecting people's livelihood.

3. AFCD has reviewed a total of 146 statutory fee items. These fee items are prescribed in the following legislation:

Legislation

- (a) Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations (Cap. 139A) under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139);

Examples of fee types

- Permit fees for removal of animals or birds from vessels or aircrafts

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| (b) Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139D) under Cap. 139; | – Dairy licence fees |
| (c) Public Health (Animals) (Boarding Establishment) Regulations (Cap. 139I) under Cap. 139; | – Boarding establishment licence fees |
| (d) Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139L) under Cap. 139; | – Licence fees for livestock or bird keeping |
| (e) Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207A) under the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance (Cap. 207); | – Fees for examination of plants/flowers/ cereal grains/seeds/timber etc, site visit, quarantine maintenance/treatment of plants/seeds/grains/soil etc |
| (f) Marine Fish Culture Regulations (Cap. 353A) under the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353); | – Marine fish culture licence fees |
| (g) Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529A) under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529); | – Registration fees, practising certificate issuance/renewal fees |
| (h) Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167D) under the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167); | – Detention fees |
| (i) Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171); | – Registration fees for local fishing vessels, certificate issuance/renewal fees, Permit fees for research fishing |
| (j) Plant Varieties Protection Regulation (Cap. 490A) under the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap. 490); and | – Fees for seeking grant of plant variety rights and obtaining copy of entry in the register |
| (k) Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421A) under the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421). | – Licence fees, detention fees |

A full list of the fee items is given at **Annex**.

4. Among the 146 statutory fee items described in paragraph 3 above, 111 items were last revised between 1996 and 2001, 29 were first introduced between 1994 and 2002 and the other six were first introduced in 2012.

5. Major stakeholders include livestock/crop/dairy farmers, fishermen, animal owners, plant/animal exporters/importers, plant breeders, veterinary surgeons/clinics, persons/companies running boarding establishments etc.

PROPOSAL

6. AFCD has conducted a costing review on the 146 fee items and proposed revisions to 140 of them. Of the 140 fee items, the existing cost recovery rates (CRR) range from around 8.4% to 245.2%.

7. In order to achieve full cost recovery gradually and avoid a steep fee increase, we have adopted the following guidelines for the fee revision in our proposal¹ –

- (a) for items with an existing CRR of less than 40%, adopt an increase of about 20%;
- (b) for items with an existing CRR of 40% to 70%, adopt an increase of about 15%; and
- (c) for items with an existing CRR of over 70%, adopt an increase of about 10% or less.

8. For the statutory fee items, we propose to adjust 140 of them as set out at **Annex**. Of them, 129 items will see increases ranging from around 6% to 20%, and one item will increase by 429% (see explanation in paragraph 9 below). On the other hand, 10 fee items will see decreases ranging from around 5% to 60%. The remaining six items are to be maintained at their existing fee levels because their CRR are close to full cost recovery level. With the proposed revised fee levels for the 140 statutory fee items, their CRR will be revised to a range of around 10% to 100.6%.

9. For the fee item prescribed in the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529A) (i.e. the veterinary surgeons registration fee), we propose to increase the fee level by 429% to \$4,100 to achieve full-cost recovery

¹ Except one fee item prescribed in the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529A).

at one go. The current fee level is \$775, which had only been increased once in 2001 from the fee level of \$725 set in 1997 when the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) was enacted. It is a one-time fee payable by the veterinary surgeons upon registration² and the registration status is essentially life-time unless the veterinary surgeon seeks a re-registration after his/her name has been removed from the register. If we follow the guideline as set out in paragraph 7 above and propose an annual increase of 20%, it would take over nine years to achieve full-cost recovery, assuming that the cost stays constant at the current level. Given that it is a one-off fee and the proposed fee level should still be affordable for a professional like veterinary surgeon, we consider it appropriate to increase the fee level to achieve full-cost recovery in this exercise.

10. The cost of the above fee items will be reviewed regularly and we will submit fee revision proposal as and when necessary, having regard to the “user pays” principle.

EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES

11. AFCD will continue to enhance efficiency and streamline procedures so as to contain the costs of providing such services to the public.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

12. If the fee revision proposal as set out in Annex is implemented, the estimated net increase in revenue is about \$1.5 million per annum.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

13. Relevant stakeholders (including animal/plant traders, animal transport agents, dairy licensee, livestock keeping licensees, marine fish culture licensees, registered veterinary surgeons, fishing vessel owners, research fishing permit holders, fishermen groups, plant varieties rights applicants/agents, farmers,

² Apart from registration, a practicing veterinary surgeon is required to obtain a practicing certificate, which is normally valid for one year and subject to renewal. Separate fee items are prescribed under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529A) for handling the practicing certificates and will remain unchanged at the current levels.

agricultural groups, fish farm owners, riding schools, etc.), have been informed of the fee revision proposal through letters or by notice on AFCD's website.

14. AFCD has issued letters to about 3 500 stakeholders and has so far received feedback from six parties. One person requested the Government to postpone the fee increase of boarding establishment licence under Cap. 139I, while four fishermen groups objected to the fee increase in respect of marine fish culture licence/permit, registration of local fishing vessels and/or research fishing permit pertaining to Cap. 353A and/or Cap. 171. There was a comment that the dog licence fee under Cap. 421A should be subsidised by public fund. We noted the comments received and understood that some members of the general public would not welcome fee increases. It is nevertheless noteworthy that a majority of the fee items were last revised in or before 2002. The proposed increase level is relatively mild³. We consider that the revised fees should be affordable.

NEXT STEPS

15. To give effect to the revision of the 140 statutory fee items, amendments to the relevant subsidiary legislation are required. The Government plans to table the relevant legislative amendments before the Legislative Council within the 2014/15 legislative session.

ADVICE SOUGHT

16. Members are invited to comment on the fee revision proposals in this paper.

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³ The proposed increase level is around 6% to 20%. In terms of absolute amount, the proposed increase of fees pertaining to say Cap. 353A range from \$0.7 to \$20 and those under Cap. 171 range from \$4 to \$35.

Fee proposals of statutory fee items

Item nos.	Fee description	Date of last revision/first introduction	Existing fee level (\$)	Existing cost recovery rate at 2015-16 price level	Proposed fee level (\$)	Proposed change in amount (\$) & percentage	Cost recovery rate after fee adjustment
(1) Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations (Cap. 139A)							
1	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Cattle (for one unit of 50 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	1,055	112.4%	940	-115 (-11%)	100.1%
2	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Cattle (for each additional unit of 50 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	394	105.3%	375	-19 (-5%)	100.3%
3	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Sheep, goats and pigs (for one unit of 100 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	1,055	112.4%	940	-115 (-11%)	100.1%
4	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Sheep, goats and pigs (for each additional unit of 100 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	394	105.3%	375	-19 (-5%)	100.3%
5	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Equines (for one animal)	5.7.1996	743	71.4%	815	+72 (+10%)	78.3%

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6	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Equines (for each additional animal)	5.7.1996	106	53.3%	120	+14 (+13%)	60.3%
7	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Day-old poultry (for each unit of 500 birds or part thereof)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
8	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Day-old poultry (for each additional unit of 500 birds or part thereof)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%
9	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Birds other than day-old poultry (for each unit of 50 birds or part thereof)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
10	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Birds other than day-old poultry (for each additional unit of 50 birds or part thereof)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%

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11	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Reptiles, other than turtles for food (for each unit of 200 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
12	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Reptiles other than turtles for food (for each additional unit of 200 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%
13	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Rodents and lagomorphs (for each unit of 50 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
14	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Rodents and lagomorphs (for each additional unit of 50 animals or part thereof)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%
15	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Dogs and cats (for each animal)	5.7.1996	432	91.7%	470	+38 (+9%)	99.8%
16	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Dogs and cats (for each additional animal)	5.7.1996	102	81.0%	110	+8 (+8%)	87.3%

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17	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Turtles for food (for each unit of 200 kg or part thereof)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
18	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Turtles for food (for each additional unit of 200 kg or part thereof)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%
19	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Other animals not provided for above (for each animal)	5.7.1996	344	94.8%	365	+21 (+6%)	100.6%
20	Permit to remove animal or bird from a vessel or aircraft - Other animals not provided for above (for each additional animal)	5.7.1996	78	79.6%	86	+8 (+10%)	87.8%
(2) Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139D)							
21	For granting/renewal of licence under Regulation 8(3)(a). Dairy licence - minimum fee (per licence)	16.2.2001	6,880	84.9%	7,570	+690 (+10%)	93.4%
22	For granting/renewal of licence under Regulation 8(3)(b). Dairy licence (per cow or buffalo over the age of 12 months which is to be or is kept in the	16.2.2001	172	84.7%	190	+18 (+10%)	93.6%

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	dairy on the date the licence is first granted or renewed)						
(3) Public Health (Animals) (Boarding Establishment) Regulations (Cap. 139I)							
23	Boarding establishment licence (per annum)	19.12.1997	3,810	82.9%	4,190	+380 (+10%)	91.2%
(4) Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139L)							
24	For specified birds farm keeping less than 2,000 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	750	13.7%	900	+150 (+20%)	16.4%
25	For specified birds farm keeping 2,000-3,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,050	19.1%	1,260	+210 (+20%)	22.9%
26	For specified birds farm keeping 4,000-5,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,350	24.5%	1,620	+270 (+20%)	29.4%
27	For specified birds farm keeping 6,000-9,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,500	27.0%	1,800	+300 (+20%)	32.4%

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28	For specified birds farm keeping 10,000-19,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,000	53.1%	3,450	+450 (+15%)	61.1%
29	For specified birds farm keeping 20,000-29,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,300	57.5%	3,800	+500 (+15%)	66.2%
30	For specified birds farm keeping 30,000-39,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,600	61.7%	4,140	+540 (+15%)	70.9%
31	For specified birds farm keeping 40,000-49,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,900	65.8%	4,490	+590 (+15%)	75.7%
32	For specified birds farm keeping 50,000-59,999 birds (per licence)	1.7.1994	4,200	69.7%	4,830	+630 (+15%)	80.1%
33	For specified birds farm keeping 60,000 birds or more (per licence)	1.7.1994	4,500	73.5%	4,950	+450 (+10%)	80.9%
34	For pigs farm keeping less than 200 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	750	13.7%	900	+150 (+20%)	16.4%
35	For pigs farm keeping 200-399 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,050	19.1%	1,260	+210 (+20%)	22.9%

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36	For pigs farm keeping 400-599 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,350	24.5%	1,620	+270 (+20%)	29.4%
37	For pigs farm keeping 600-999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	1,500	27.0%	1,800	+300 (+20%)	32.4%
38	For pigs farm keeping 1,000-1,999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,000	53.1%	3,450	+450 (+15%)	61.1%
39	For pigs farm keeping 2,000-2,999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,300	57.5%	3,800	+500 (+15%)	66.2%
40	For pigs farm keeping 3,000-3,999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,600	61.7%	4,140	+540 (+15%)	70.9%
41	For pigs farm keeping 4,000-4,999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	3,900	65.8%	4,490	+590 (+15%)	75.7%
42	For pig farm keeping 5,000-5,999 pigs (per licence)	1.7.1994	4,200	69.7%	4,830	+630 (+15%)	80.1%
43	For pig farm keeping 6,000 pigs or more (per licence)	1.7.1994	4,500	73.5%	4,950	+450 (+10%)	80.9%

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44	Issue of a duplicate of a licence (per duplicate)	1.7.1994	125	22.6%	150	+25 (+20%)	27.1%
(5) Plant (Importation and Pest Control) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 207A)							
45	Examination of living plants not exceeding 5 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	110	54.5%	125	+15 (+14%)	61.9%
46	Examination of living plants exceeding 5 plants and not exceeding 20 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	170	60.9%	195	+25 (+15%)	69.9%
47	Examination of living plants exceeding 20 plants and not exceeding 50 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	210	64.6%	240	+30 (+14%)	73.8%
48	Examination of living plants exceeding 50 plants - the first 50 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	210	64.6%	240	+30 (+14%)	73.8%
49	Examination of living plants exceeding 50 plants - each additional multiple of 50 plants or part thereof (per exam)	16.2.2001	43	76.8%	47	+4 (+9%)	83.9%

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50	Examination of cut flowers not exceeding 10 dozen (per exam)	16.2.2001	110	54.5%	125	+15 (+14%)	61.9%
51	Examination of cut flowers exceeding 10 dozen and not exceeding 100 dozen (per exam)	16.2.2001	140	58.8%	160	+20 (+14%)	67.2%
52	Examination of cut flowers exceeding 100 dozen - the first 100 dozen (per exam)	16.2.2001	140	58.8%	160	+20 (+14%)	67.2%
53	Examination of cut flowers exceeding 100 dozen - each additional multiple of 100 dozen or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	11	78.6%	12	+1 (+9%)	85.7%
54	Examination of aquatic plants not exceeding 200 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	120	56.9%	140	+20 (+17%)	66.4%
55	Examination of aquatic plants exceeding 200 plants and not exceeding 2,000 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%
56	Examination of aquatic plants exceeding 2,000 plants - the first 2,000 plants (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%

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57	Examination of aquatic plants exceeding 2,000 plants - each additional multiple of 2,000 plants or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
58	Examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation not exceeding 100 (per exam)	16.2.2001	110	54.5%	125	+15 (+14%)	61.9%
59	Examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation exceeding 100 and not exceeding 1,000 (per exam)	16.2.2001	125	56.8%	145	+20 (+16%)	65.9%
60	Examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation exceeding 1,000 - the first 1,000 (per exam)	16.2.2001	125	56.8%	145	+20 (+16%)	65.9%
61	Examination of bulbs, corms, roots, tubers for the purpose of propagation exceeding 1,000 - each additional multiple of 1,000 or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
62	Examination of fresh plant products not exceeding 50 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	100	53.2%	115	+15 (+15%)	61.2%

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63	Examination of fresh plant products exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
64	Examination of fresh plant products exceeding 200 kg and not exceeding 500 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	210	64.6%	240	+30 (+14%)	73.8%
65	Examination of fresh plant products exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	265	67.3%	305	+40 (+15%)	77.4%
66	Examination of fresh plant products exceeding 1,000 kg - the first 1,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	265	67.3%	305	+40 (+15%)	77.4%
67	Examination of fresh plant products exceeding 1,000 kg - each additional multiple of 1,000 kg or part thereof (per exam)	16.2.2001	55	79.7%	60	+5 (+9%)	87.0%
68	Examination of dried plant products not exceeding 50 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	100	53.2%	115	+15 (+15%)	61.2%
69	Examination of dried plant products exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 500 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	120	56.9%	140	+20 (+17%)	66.4%

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70	Examination of dried plant products exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
71	Examination of dried plant products exceeding 1,000 kg - the first 1,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
72	Examination of dried plant products exceeding 1,000 kg - each additional multiple of 1,000 kg or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
73	Examination of cereal grains and pulses not exceeding 500 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	100	53.2%	115	+15 (+15%)	61.2%
74	Examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 500 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%
75	Examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 1,000 kg and not exceeding 2,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
76	Examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 2,000 kg - the first 2,000 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%

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77	Examination of cereal grains and pulses exceeding 2,000 kg - each additional multiple of 2,000 kg or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
78	Examination of seeds not exceeding 10 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	100	53.2%	115	+15 (+15%)	61.2%
79	Examination of seeds exceeding 10 kg and not exceeding 50 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%
80	Examination of seeds exceeding 50 kg and not exceeding 200 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
81	Examination of seeds exceeding 200 kg - the first 200 kg (per exam)	16.2.2001	155	60.5%	180	+25 (+16%)	70.3%
82	Examination of seeds exceeding 200 kg - each additional multiple of 200 kg or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
83	Examination of timber not exceeding 1 m ³ (per exam)	16.2.2001	100	53.2%	115	+15 (+15%)	61.2%

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84	Examination of timber exceeding 1 m ³ and not exceeding 50 m ³ (per exam)	16.2.2001	120	56.9%	140	+20 (+17%)	66.4%
85	Examination of timber exceeding 50 m ³ and not exceeding 100 m ³ (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%
86	Examination of timber exceeding 100 m ³ - the first 100 m ³ (per exam)	16.2.2001	135	57.7%	155	+20 (+15%)	66.2%
87	Examination of timber exceeding 100 m ³ - each additional multiple of 10 m ³ or part thereof (per exam)	19.12.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
88	Fees for visit to applicant's premises for examination of plants (per plant)	16.2.2001	115	60.5%	130	+15 (+13%)	68.4%
89	Maximum fee for one single consignment examined	19.12.1997	1,544	72.9%	1,700	+156 (+10%)	80.2%
90	Quarantine maintenance of plants occupying an area not exceeding 0.5 m ³ for a period not exceeding 3 months	16.2.2001	47	12.7%	56	+9 (+19%)	15.1%

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91	Quarantine maintenance of plants occupying an area exceeding 0.5 m ³ for a period not exceeding 3 months - the first area of 0.5 m ³	16.2.2001	47	12.7%	56	+9 (+19%)	15.1%
92	Quarantine maintenance of plants occupying an area exceeding 0.5 m ³ for a period not exceeding 3 months - each additional area of 0.5 m ³ or part thereof	16.2.2001	47	14.7%	56	+9 (+19%)	17.5%
93	Quarantine maintenance of plants occupying an area for a period exceeding 3 months - the first 3 months (for each 0.5 m ² or less)	16.2.2001	47	14.7%	56	+9 (+19%)	17.5%
94	Quarantine maintenance of plants occupying an area for a period exceeding 3 months - each additional period of 3 months or part thereof (for each 0.5 m ² or less)	16.2.2001	27	8.4%	32	+5 (+19%)	10.0%
95	Treatment of bulbs, corms, roots and tubers not exceeding 1,000 (per treatment)	16.2.2001	80	69.6%	92	+12 (+15%)	80.0%

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96	Treatment of bulbs, corms, roots and tubers exceeding 1,000 - the first 1,000 (per treatment)	16.2.2001	80	69.6%	92	+12 (+15%)	80.0%
97	Treatment of bulbs, corms, roots and tubers exceeding 1,000 - each additional multiple of 1,000 or part thereof (per treatment)	16.2.2001	60	52.2%	69	+9 (+15%)	60.0%
98	Treatment of foliated materials not exceeding 20 pieces (per treatment)	16.2.2001	70	60.9%	81	+11 (+16%)	70.4%
99	Treatment of foliated materials exceeding 20 pieces - the first 20 pieces (per treatment)	16.2.2001	70	60.9%	81	+11 (+16%)	70.4%
100	Treatment of foliated materials exceeding 20 pieces - each additional multiple of 20 pieces or part thereof (per treatment)	16.2.2001	47	40.9%	54	+7 (+15%)	47.0%
101	Treatment of seeds, grains and pulses not exceeding 100 kg (per treatment)	16.2.2001	70	60.9%	81	+11 (+16%)	70.4%
102	Treatment of seeds, grains and pulses exceeding 100 kg - the first 100 kg (per treatment)	16.2.2001	70	60.9%	81	+11 (+16%)	70.4%

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103	Treatment of seeds, grains and pulses exceeding 100 kg - each additional multiple of 100 kg or part thereof (per treatment)	16.2.2001	47	40.9%	54	+7 (+15%)	47.0%
104	Treatment of soil not exceeding 40 kg (per treatment)	16.2.2001	35	29.7%	42	+7 (+20%)	35.6%
105	Treatment of soil exceeding 40 kg - the first 40 kg (per treatment)	16.2.2001	35	29.7%	42	+7 (+20%)	35.6%
106	Treatment of soil exceeding 40 kg - each additional multiple of 40 kg or part thereof (per treatment)	16.2.2001	27	22.9%	32	+5 (+19%)	27.1%
(6) Marine Fish Culture Regulations (Cap. 353A)							
107	Grant or renewal of a marine fish culture licence (per square metre of the site area per annum)	19.12.1997	7.8	83.9%	8.5	+0.7 (+9%)	91.4%
108	Transfer of a marine fish culture licence (per case)	7.6.2002	180	75.3%	200	+20 (+11%)	83.7%
(7) Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 529A)							

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109	Application for registration under section 10(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)	16.2.2001	775	18.9%	4,100	+3,325 (+429%)	100.1%
110	Application for issuance of a practising certificate under section 12(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)	16.2.2001	625	98.3%	625	0 (0%)	98.3%
111	Application for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(4) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)	16.2.2001	625	98.3%	625	0 (0%)	98.3%
112	Extension of time for renewal of a practising certificate under section 12(7) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)	16.2.2001	625	98.3%	625	0 (0%)	98.3%
113	Issuance of a certificate of registration under section 14 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529)	16.2.2001	330	100.9%	330	0 (0%)	100.9%
(8) Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Cap. 167D)							

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114	Detention fee for a dangerous dog (per day or part of a day)	16.2.2001	90	128.6%	70	-20 (-22%)	100.0%
(9) Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171)							
115	Application for registration of a local fishing vessel under section 14, 19 or 21	15.6.2012	195	88.6%	215	+20 (+10%)	97.7%
116	Issue of certificate of registration under section 20 or 30	15.6.2012	165	85.1%	180	+15 (+9%)	92.8%
117	Application for alteration to conditions of a registration under section 17	15.6.2012	120	89.6%	130	+10 (+8%)	97.0%
118	Application for issue or renewal of a research fishing permit under section 25	15.6.2012	365	84.3%	400	+35 (+10%)	92.4%
119	Obtaining a copy of entries in the register under section 13(5) relating to 1 registered vessel	15.6.2012	37	88.1%	41	+4 (+11%)	97.6%
120	Application for a duplicate of a certificate of registration or a research fishing permit under section 32	15.6.2012	81	89.0%	89	+8 (+10%)	97.8%

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(10) Plant Varieties Protection Regulation (Cap. 490A)							
121	Application for grant of plant variety rights (per application) under section 13(1) of the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap.490)	24.10.1997	3,960	97.8%	3,960	0 (0%)	97.8%
122	Fee for a grant (per grant), as mentioned in section 18(2)(c) of the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap.490)	24.10.1997	260	72.0%	285	+25 (+10%)	78.9%
123	Making a request to the Registrar to consider whether or not reasonable quantities of reproductive material of a reasonable quality of the variety concerned are available for purchase by public at a reasonable price (per request) under section 29(1) of the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap.490)	24.10.1997	2,270	69.5%	2,610	+340 (+15%)	80.0%
124	Application for extension of grant of plant variety rights to cover essentially derived varieties (per application) under section 31(1) of the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap.490)	24.10.1997	3,960	97.8%	3,960	0 (0%)	97.8%

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125	Obtaining uncertified copy or extract of an entry in the register (per copy or extract)	24.10.1997	18	78.3%	20	+2 (+11%)	87.0%
126	Obtaining certified copy or extract of an entry in the register (per copy or extract)	24.10.1997	165	69.6%	190	+25 (+15%)	80.2%
127	Annual fee for a grant (per year), as mentioned in sections 18(9)(a) and 24(2)(g) of the Plant Varieties Protection Ordinance (Cap.490), in relation to any variety	24.10.1997	1,470	70.2%	1,620	+150 (+10%)	77.3%
(11) Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421A)							
128	Licence to maintain a quarantine centre (per licence)	13.6.1997	3,510	76.4%	3,860	+350 (+10%)	84.0%
129	Licence to maintain an observation centre (per licence)	13.6.1997	3,510	76.4%	3,860	+350 (+10%)	84.0%
130	Licence to maintain a combined quarantine and observation centre (per licence)	13.6.1997	7,020	76.4%	7,720	+700 (+10%)	84.0%

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131	Extension or variation of an import permit (per permit)	16.2.2001	125	74.4%	140	+15 (+12%)	83.3%
132	Duplicate copy of a licence, certificate or permit (per permit)	16.2.2001	82	63.1%	94	+12 (+15%)	72.3%
133	Detention fee for a dog in a quarantine centre (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	90	128.6%	70	-20 (-22%)	100.0%
134	Detention fee for a cat in a quarantine centre (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	46	93.1%	49	+3 (+7%)	99.2%
135	Detention fee for equines (per day or part thereof)	13.6.1997	385	245.2%	155	-230 (-60%)	98.7%
136	Detention fee for a rodent and lagomorph in a quarantine centre (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	46	93.1%	49	+3 (+7%)	99.2%
137	Detention fee for other animals under 1 kg (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	46	93.1%	49	+3 (+7%)	99.2%

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138	Detention fee for other animals under 20 kg (per day or part thereof)	13.6.1997	385	245.2%	155	-230 (-60%)	98.7%
139	Detention fee for other animals under 50 kg (per day or part thereof)	13.6.1997	385	245.2%	155	-230 (-60%)	98.7%
140	Detention fee for other animals of 50 kg and over (per day or part thereof)	13.6.1997	385	245.2%	155	-230 (-60%)	98.7%
141	Detention fee for a dog in an observation centre (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	94	45.0%	110	+16 (+17%)	52.6%
142	Detention fee for a cat in an observation centre (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	77	52.7%	89	+12 (+16%)	61.0%
143	Detention fee for an animal in an observation centre - animals other than dogs and cats (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	77	52.7%	89	+12 (+16%)	61.0%
144	Detention fee for a Part II animal under section 7 (other than 7(1)(d)(iv)) of the Rabies Ordinance (Cap.421) (per day or part thereof)	16.2.2001	40	51.3%	46	+6 (+15%)	59.0%

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145	Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance (Cap.421) who is a public officer (per licence)	16.2.2001	80	55.2%	92	+12 (+15%)	63.4%
146	Licence in respect of a dog vaccinated by a person authorized under section 5 of the Rabies Ordinance (Cap.421) who is not a public officer (per licence)	16.2.2001	46	68.7%	53	+7 (+15%)	79.1%