

# Plant Health News

Issue 29, August 2010

## Revised Plant Health Inspections Fees – in force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

In Newsletter 28 issued in March this year we notified importers of a forthcoming Consultation on proposals to amend the Fees Regulations 2006. The consultation period ran from 1<sup>st</sup> March until 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Having considered the single response to the consultation exercise the Forestry Commission's Plant Health Service will implement the changes to its plant health charging regime via an amendment to The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) Regulations 2006.

The following table shows both the new and current rates for comparison. We have identified separately, for the first time, charges for wood shavings, wood chip and sawdust to reflect new and developing markets. Hitherto, we had applied the same charge for these materials as we had for isolated bark material. This change is therefore for clarity only.



### What's in this

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**The new rates will apply to all inspections carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 regardless of the actual date of arrival.**

<u>New Charges</u>		<u>Current Charges</u>	
<u>Charge Description</u>	<u>Rate (£)</u>	<u>Charge Description</u>	<u>Rate (£)</u>
<b>Documentary</b>	6.00	<b>Documentary</b>	5.29
<b>Identity Check – up to 30m<sup>3</sup></b>	6.00	<b>Identity Check – up to 30m<sup>3</sup></b>	6.00
<b>Identity Check</b> - less than 100m <sup>3</sup>	6.00	<b>Identity Check</b> - less than 100m <sup>3</sup>	5.29
Bulk loads - 100m <sup>3</sup> or more	12.00	Bulk loads - 100m <sup>3</sup> or more	10.58
<b>Plant Health Check – up to 100m<sup>3</sup> wood</b>	26.00	<b>Plant Health Check – up to 100m<sup>3</sup></b>	12.25
(other than shavings, chips or sawdust)		Each additional m <sup>3</sup> or part thereof	0.20
Each additional m <sup>3</sup> or part thereof	0.20	<b>Reduced Frequency of inspection</b>	
<b>Reduced Frequency of inspection</b>		<i>Acer saccharum</i> up to 100m <sup>3</sup> - originating in Canada	6.13
<i>Acer saccharum</i> up to 100m <sup>3</sup> - originating in Canada	6.13	- originating in USA	9.19
- originating in USA	9.19	<b>Plant Health Check</b>	
<b>Plant Health Check</b>		per consignment of isolated bark, shavings, chips or sawdust up to 25,000kg	12.25
per consignment of isolated bark, shavings, chips or sawdust up to 25,000kg	26.00	each additional 1,000kg or part thereof	0.49
each additional 1,000kg or part thereof	0.49	up to a maximum charge of	98.00
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Example New Charge (Wef 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010)		Example Current Charge	
<u>Charge Description</u>	<u>Rate (£)</u>	<u>Charge Description</u>	<u>Rate (£)</u>
Documentary	6.00	Documentary	5.29
Identity Check *	6.00	Identity Check *	5.29
Plant Health Check – up to 100m <sup>3</sup>	<u>26.00</u>	Plant Health Check	<u>12.25</u>
Total	<u>£38.00</u>	Total	<u>£22.83</u>
*NB a further £6.00 charge is made for each additional 30m <sup>3</sup> (or part thereof) per container, wagon or truck in the consignment		*NB a further £5.29 charge is made for each additional 30m <sup>3</sup> (or part thereof) per container, wagon or truck in the consignment	

These new rates will be provided in the Plant Health (Forestry) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 Statutory Instrument no.2001 and further details will also be made available to timber importers in the revised version of our Plant Health Guide: Import Inspection Fees for Wood Products and Bark. Copies of the revised guide will be posted to regular importers of controlled timber in the next few weeks and an electronic version will be published on our website.

## New Regional Manager (North) takes up post on 9<sup>th</sup> August

Ian Murgatroyd will join Plant Health as Regional Manager (North) on 9<sup>th</sup> August taking over from Dave Tracy. Ian is transferring to Plant Health from the Technical Development Group, Centre for Forest Resources and management, Forest Research and he will be based in the Forestry Commission Scotland office in Dumfries. Contact details can be found under the Enquiries heading.

A map is attached showing the area that each of our regional managers is responsible for.

## Enquiries

All enquiries relating to this newsletter should be directed to the relevant Plant Health Manager –

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