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Dear Convener,

Thank you for your letter of 23 June 2025 concerning The Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025, requesting further information about the equivalent fees in the other parts of the UK.

It is difficult to make a direct comparison in the services being offered, as there are differences in how fees are calculated and what is included in each fee. It should also be noted that in Scotland our service fees are statutory costs defined in law and the service provider is SASA, a division within the Scottish Government; whilst the service provider for England and Wales is by way of a contract with Defra, which allows part of the cost charged as profit.

A useful comparison would be to make a comparison per tonne of certification. This is on average £12.22 per tonne in England and Wales for a larger processor, compared with £9.79 in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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