



Biosecurity: Import declarations

Cost recovery redesign

Overview

The department has redesigned its cost recovery arrangements with new fees and levies coming into effect on 1 December 2015. This fact sheet has been developed to provide you with an overview of the key changes to charges relating to import declarations. This document should be read in conjunction with the department's [Charging Guidelines](#) and the [Biosecurity Cost Recovery Implementation Statement](#) (CRIS).

Key changes

Full import declaration (FID) levy

Importers will be charged \$33 for air FIDs and \$42 for sea FIDs. The container levies have been removed.

If a consignment is transferred to the department's Import Management System (AIMS), clients will no longer be charged the electronic lodgement fee.

Fee for service

A standard fee of \$30 per 15 minutes will apply for all activities performed in-office. A standard fee of \$50 per 15 minutes will be applied to all activities performed out-of-office.

The department expects most AIMS entries will only require a 15 minute assessment. There is no longer a fee if the department requires additional information to process a consignment, but if an assessment takes longer than 15 minutes, it will be charged at \$30 for each additional 15 minutes. Dual biosecurity and imported food entries are an example of an entry that is likely to take longer than 15 minutes.

Time based fees will apply to low value imports that are upgraded to AIMS for assessment. These consignments are lodged on the ICS as self-assessed clearance (SAC) lodgements or as informal clearance assessments. These consignments include goods such as unaccompanied personal effects (UPEs) and goods purchased online valued under \$1 000. A fee of \$30 per 15 minutes will be charged and includes the time taken by an officer to manually upgrade the SAC lodgement to AIMS or to create a manual consignment entry in AIMS and assess the documents.

Overtime

Overtime changes have been standardised for activities undertaken outside of the department's standard span of hours, which are weekdays between 6:30am and 6:30pm, where the activity is delivered. All activities undertaken outside of the department's standard span of hours will incur the relevant fee for service charge in addition to overtime charges (see table 3).

Further Information

The Biosecurity CRIS, Charging Guidelines and other supporting material can be found on the department's website at agriculture.gov.au/costrecovery or by emailing costrecovery@agriculture.gov.au.

Fee and levy changes

Table 1 Import declaration

Fee item	Unit	Charge to 30 Nov 2015	Unit	Charge from 1 Dec 2015
Import declaration - AIR	Unit	\$16	Unit	\$33
Import declaration - SEA	Unit	\$15	Unit	\$42
Container FCL, FCX	Unit	\$30	-	-
Container LCL	Unit	\$8	-	-
Electronic lodgement	Unit	\$10	-	-
CA lodgement	Unit	\$8	-	-
Manual lodgement	Unit	\$17	15 minutes	\$30
SAC upgrade	Unit	\$28	15 minutes	\$30
Assessment of import declaration	15 minutes	\$40	15 minutes	\$30

Table 2 Fee for service

Fee item	Unit	Charge to 30 Nov 2015	Unit	Charge from 1 Dec 2015
In office inspection, audit and assessment	30 minutes	\$40	15 minutes	\$30
Additional assessment	15 minutes	\$40	15 minutes	\$30
Additional information required	Per instance	\$40	-	-
Out of office inspection and audit	30 minutes	\$90	15 minutes	\$50
Out of office inspection and audit additional time	15 minutes	\$45	15 minutes	\$50
Inspection day rate (7.5 hours)	Day	\$900	Day	\$1 000
Timber inspection	Per cubic meter	\$2.40	-	-

Table 3 Overtime charges (rates to be applied in addition to the relevant fee for service)

Fee item	Unit	Charge to 30 Nov 2015	Unit	Charge from 1 Dec 2015
Overtime – weekday	15 minutes	\$16	15 minutes	\$15
Overtime weekday – non continuous	3 hours (minimum)	\$192	30 minutes (minimum)	\$30
Overtime weekend/ public holiday – non continuous	3 hours (minimum)	\$288	30 minutes (minimum)	\$40
Overtime weekend/ public holiday additional time	15 minutes	\$24	15 minutes	\$20