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## *Agriculture export regulatory services*

# Changes from draft cost recovery implementation statement – dairy exports arrangement

The [Australian Government Cost Recovery Policy](#) requires that regulators recover some or all of the efficient costs of the effort required to deliver their services, unless the government has decided to fund the activity.

We have developed an ongoing sustainable funding model to support our delivery of export regulatory services to Australia’s agricultural sector. The new modelling of fees and charges reflects the government’s decision to return to full cost recovery and the transition of 5 existing and one new activity into exports cost recovery arrangements. The modelling also reflects the government’s announcement of a further decision to defer the phased transition to full cost recovery by 12 months, with the intention to return export cost recovery arrangements to full cost recovery by 2029–30.

This fact sheet presents the changes to fees and charges in the [final dairy exports cost recovery implementation statement \(CRIS\)](#) from what was published in the draft dairy exports CRIS on 29 January 2026. [Appendix A](#) provides a comparison of the cost recovery fees and levy-based charges proposed in draft and final dairy exports CRISs with brief explanations for these changes.

## Changes

In addition to the appendix, the following points highlight some of the main changes in the final dairy exports CRIS, including in response to stakeholder feedback received through consultation.

- Review of fee for service and levy-based charges has resulted in minor adjustment of some prices.
- We have also revised the charging risk assessment in consultation with the Department of Finance. The overall risk rating for 2026–27 financial year is rated as medium.

## Industry consultation

We engage regularly with industry on charging arrangements.

Although prices remain unchanged for 2026–27, the prices proposed from 1 July 2027 align with the prices communicated to industry during consultation of the 2026–27 exports CRIS between January and March 2026. During this process the department released 7 CRISs for public consultation and invited stakeholder feedback through a submissions process and meetings with key industry bodies. A summary of feedback is included in each CRIS.

We are committed to transparent, meaningful consultation and careful consideration of stakeholder feedback on an ongoing basis.

Fees and charges for agricultural export regulatory services from 1 July 2026

## More information

Learn more about [cost recovery fees and charges](#).

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### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the continuous connection of First Nations Traditional Owners and Custodians to the lands, seas and waters of Australia. We recognise their care for and cultivation of Country. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and recognise their knowledge and contribution to the productivity, innovation and sustainability of Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries.

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## Appendix A: Summary of fees and charges by arrangement

Type of charge	Cost recovery charges	Unit	Current 2025-26	Draft CRIS				Final CRIS				2029-30 Draft to Final Variance	Comments
				Proposed 2026-27 (\$)	Proposed 2027-28 (\$)	Proposed 2028-29 (\$)	Proposed 2029-30 (\$)	2026-27 (\$)	2027-28 (\$)	2028-29 (\$)	2029-30 (\$)		
Levy-based charge	Corporation/co-operative exporting ≥2,000 tonnes	Annual	15,607	16,365	16,960	17,566	18,208	15,607	15,616.26	16,797.55	17,421.36	-4%	Price reductions across establishment registration levy-based charges reflect an overall reduction in the dairy arrangement expense base, including a decrease in corporate overhead allocation.
Levy-based charge	Corporation/Co-operative exporting ≥2000 tonnes-part year	Annual	7,803.50	8182.5	8480	8783	9104	7,803.50	7,808.13	8,398.77	8,710.68	-4%	
Levy-based charge	Corporation/co-operative exporting <2,000 tonnes	Annual	8,632	9,051	6,380	9,715	10,070	8,632	8,637.12	9,290.47	9,635.49	-4%	
Levy-based charge	Corporation/co-operative exporting <2,000 tonnes part year	Annual	4,316	4525.5	3190	4857.5	5035	4,316	4,318.56	4,645.24	4,817.75	-4%	
Levy-based charge	Storage establishment	Annual	3,675	3,854	3,994	4,136	4,287	3,675	3,677.18	3,955.34	4,102.23	-4%	
Levy-based charge	Storage establishment – part year	Annual	1,837.50	1927	1997	2068	2143.5	1,837.50	1,838.59	1,977.67	2,051.11	-4%	

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Levy-based charge	Registration application	Annual	689	722	749	776	804	689	689.41	741.56	769.10	-4%	
Fee	Audit	Per quarter hour	67	65	80	94	103	67	80.55	102.04	111.14	8%	Price increases for audit and export document fees reflects outcomes of industry consultation and internal review of effort allocations to fee and levy-based charges with has resulted in a greater proportion of effort attributed to fee for service activities.
Fee	Audit – program	Per quarter hour	67	65	80	94	103	67	80.55	102.04	111.14	8%	
Fee	Export document – manually-issued	Per document	202	152	219	301	361	202	240.05	336.38	399.40	11%	
Fee	Replacement export document	Per document	574	472	566	681	770	574	623.78	760.61	852.05	11%	
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – electronically-issued (including fee and levy-based charge)	Per document	42	60	79	98	111	42	75.79	95.64	108.62	-2%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		30	45	57	68	75	30	51.78	62.01	68.68	-8%	Price amendments reflect a revised allocation of expenses between levy-based charges and fee for service activities associated with electronically issued export documents with a greater proportion of costs attributed
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		12	15	22	30	36	12	24	33.64	39.94	11%	

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													to fee for service documentation activities.  This reflects outcomes of industry consultation and internal review of effort allocations to fee and levy-based charges
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document - tariff rate quota certificate (including fee and levy-based charge)	Per document	42	64	85	106	121	42	82.19	104.61	119.27	-1%	Separate fee and levy-based charge points have been introduced for the issuance of tariff rate quota certificates. These new price points have been introduced to better reflect associated effort related to issuance of these certificates when compared to other export documents.
Fee/levy-based charge	- Levy-based charge		30	45	57	68	75	30	51.78	62.01	68.68	-8%	
Fee/levy-based charge	- Fee		12	19	28	38	46	12	30.41	42.61	50.59	10%	

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Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Weekday continuous	Per quarter hour	15	19	21	23	25	15	23.50	24.16	24.84	-1%	Pricing amendments within the final CRIS for financial year 2026-27 reflect government policy decision to keep prices unchanged for this financial year.  Amendments for later financial years represent adjustments to account for rounding provisions.
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Weekday non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	30	38	42	46	50	30	47	48.32	49.68	-1%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Weekday non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	15	19	21	23	25	15	23.5	24.16	24.84	-1%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Weekend and public holiday non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	40	50	56	62	66	40	62.67	64.43	66.24	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Weekend and public holiday non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	20	25	28	31	33	20	31.33	32.22	33.12	0%	
Organics	Organic certifying body	Annual	8,608	8,338	8,878	9,171	9,480	8,608	8,455.25	8,588.96	8,863.99	-6%	
Organics	Organic certifying body – part year	Annual	4,304	4169	4439	4585.5	4740	4,304	4,227.63	4,294.48	4,432.00	-6%	

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Organics	Application charge for organic goods certification operation	Per application	689	710	730	751	772	689	384.32	390.39	402.9	-48%	registrations and applications has resulting in a recalculation and lower price.
Organics	Audit fee for organic good certification operations	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.96	50.75	52.38	-6%	
Organics	Assessment of applications or approvals	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.88	50.68	52.31	-7%	