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## ***Agriculture export regulatory services***

# **Changes from draft cost recovery implementation statement – live animal 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 live animal exports cost recovery arrangements to full cost recovery by 2028–29.

This fact sheet presents the changes to fees and charges in the [final live animal exports cost recovery implementation statement \(CRIS\)](#) from what was published in the draft live animal 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 live animal 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 live animal exports CRIS, including as a response to stakeholder feedback received through consultation.

- Review of fee for service and levy-based charges has resulted in minor adjustment of some prices.
- Review of corporate cost allocation resulted in increase in approved arrangement by air and sea cost pool and reduction in licensing cost pool.
- 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.

## More information

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

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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 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	Approved arrangement - livestock by air only	Annual	24,868	26,360	32,685	43,314	45,047	24,868	39,553.56	49,416.41	50,975.27	13%	Price movement reflects updated allocation of corporate overheads following an internal review. This has resulted in a minor reduction in the licensing price pool and a corresponding increase in the Air and Sea price pool.
Levy-based charge	Approved arrangement – livestock by air only – part year	Annual	12,434	13180	16342.5	21657	22523.5	12,434	19,776.78	24,708.20	25,487.64	13%	
Levy-based charge	Approved arrangement - livestock by sea, or sea and air	Annual	49,736	51,225	62,832	82,367	84,758	49,736	67,304.88	83,816.67	86,185.27	2%	
Levy-based charge	Approved arrangement – livestock by sea, or sea and air – part year	Annual	24,868	25612.5	31416	41183.5	42379	24,868	33,652.44	41,908.33	43,092.63	2%	
Levy-based charge	Livestock (premises) registration	Annual	12,434	12,342	12,734	13,134	13,550	12,434	11,016.88	11,347.52	11,689.43	-14%	
Levy-based charge	Licence – livestock	Annual	9,550	8,850	11,069	14,794	15,514	9,550	11,960.77	13,731.50	14,450.02	-7%	

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Levy-based charge	Throughput – full unit (sheep/goat) by air	Per head	1.3	1.35	1.67	2.22	2.31	1.3	2.02	2.53	2.61	13%	Minor price increase, driven by increased cost recovery in the Air and Sea price pool
Levy-based charge	Throughput – full unit (cattle/buffalo/camelid) by air	Per head	5.08	5.27	6.54	8.66	9.01	5.08	7.91	9.88	10.2	13%	Increases to permit and throughput reflect re-alignment of pricing with existing legislation.
Levy-based charge	Throughput – (cattle/buffalo/camelid) by sea	Per head	5.96	6.14	7.53	9.87	10.16	5.96	8.07	10.04	10.33	2%	
Levy-based charge	Export permit – non-livestock	Per document	305	347	358	369	381	305	366.15	376.86	388.68	2%	
Levy-based charge	Export permit- livestock without licence	Per document	305	109	112	115	119	305	366.15	376.86	388.68	227%	
Fee	Audit – non-vet	Per quarter hour	64	72	88	116	119	64	94.85	118.17	121.55	2%	Changes between Inspection and Assessment reflect a reallocation between cost pools, informed by a review of internal effort
Fee	Audit – vet	Per quarter hour	109	123	150	197	203	109	161.54	201.26	207.02	2%	
Fee	Inspection – livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	126	155	203	209	75	166.26	207.19	213.18	2%	
Fee	Inspection – non-livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	126	155	203	209	75	166.26	207.19	213.18	2%	

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Fee	Inspection – livestock – non-vet	Per quarter hour	49	82	101	132	136	49	108.62	135.37	139.27	2%	across activities and a more even distribution of existing corporate overheads compared to the Draft CRIS
Fee	Inspection – non-livestock – non-vet	Per quarter hour	49	82	101	132	136	49	108.62	135.37	139.27	2%	
Fee	Inspection – premises or facility	Per quarter hour	49	82	101	132	136	49	108.62	135.37	139.27	2%	
Fee	Assessment – livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	92	134	176	182	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	-14%	
Fee	Assessment– non-livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	92	134	176	182	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	-14%	
Fee	Assessment – livestock – non-vet	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
Fee	Assessment – non-livestock – non-vet	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
Fee	Export permit – livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	92	88	115	119	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	32%	
Fee	Export permit – non-livestock – vet	Per quarter hour	75	92	88	115	119	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	32%	
Fee	Export permit – livestock – non-vet	Per quarter hour	49	92	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
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Fee	Replacement export document	Per document	551	562	579	595	612	551	325.53	334.93	344.6	-44%	
Fee	Livestock export licence application	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Livestock export licence renewal	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Livestock export licence variation	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Approved arrangement application – livestock	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Approved arrangement renewal or variation – livestock	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Approved arrangement exemption – livestock	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Registered establishment assessment	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Registered establishment renewal or variation	Per quarter hour	49	59	74	99	103	49	79.74	91.54	96.33	-6%	
Fee	Veterinarian accreditation assessment (non-vet)	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	

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Fee	Veterinarian accreditation assessment (vet)	Per quarter hour	75	92	88	115	119	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	32%	
Fee	Veterinarian accreditation renewal (non-vet)	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
Fee	Veterinarian accreditation renewal (vet)	Per quarter hour	75	92	88	115	119	75	122.68	152.92	157.39	32%	
Fee	Veterinarian accreditation variation (non-vet)	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
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Fee	ESCAS assessment fee (non-vet)	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
Fee	ESCAS variation fee (non-vet)	Per quarter hour	49	60	88	115	119	49	80.15	99.91	102.83	-14%	
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – tariff rate quota certificate – (including fee and levy-based charge) b	Per document	87	131	162	214	222	87	135.38	168.40	173.02	-22%	Separate fee and levy-based charge points have been introduced for

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Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		46	59	74	99	103	46	45.23	56.27	57.81	-44%	the issuance of tariff rate quota certificates.
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		41	72	88	115	119	41	90.15	112.14	115.21	-3%	These new price points have been introduced to better reflect associated effort related to issuance of these certificates when compared to other export documents
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Non-Vet – Weekday immediately before or after a fee-bearing activity	Per quarter hour	15	22	22	23	24	15	22.22	22.86	23.51	-2%	Pricing amendments within the final CRIS for financial year 2026-27 reflect government policy decision to keep prices unchanged for this financial year.
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Non-Vet – Weekday - non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	30	44	44	46	48	30	44.43	45.73	47.02	-2%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Non-Vet – Weekday - non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	15	22	22	23	24	15	22.22	22.86	23.51	-2%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Non-Vet – Weekend and public holiday -	Any period up to 30 minutes	40	58	59	61	63	40	59.25	60.97	62.7	-0%	Amendments for later financial years

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Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Non-Vet – Weekend and public holiday – non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	20	29	30	31	32	20	29.62	30.49	31.35	-2%	represent adjustments to account for rounding provisions.	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Vet – Weekday immediately before or after a fee-bearing activity	Per quarter hour	21	22	22	23	24	21	27.55	28.35	29.20	22%		
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Vet – Weekday - non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	42	53	55	57	58	42	55.09	56.70	58.30	1%		
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Vet – Weekday - non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	21	27	27	28	29	21	27.55	28.35	29.15	1%		
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Vet – Weekend and public holiday – non-continuous (up to 30 minutes)	Any period up to 30 minutes	58	71	73	76	78	58	73.46	75.60	77.74	-0%		
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Vet – Weekend and public holiday – non-continuous (after 30 minutes)	Per quarter hour	29	36	37	38	39	29	36.73	37.80	38.87	-0%		