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## *Agriculture export regulatory services*

# Changes from draft cost recovery implementation statement – meat 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 meat exports cost recovery implementation statement \(CRIS\)](#) from what was published in the draft meat 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 meat 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 meat exports CRIS, including in response to stakeholder feedback received through consultation.

- The prices for 2026–27 are unchanged from 2025–26 with the exception of adjustments to how fees are calculated for the provision of on-plant meat inspection services by On-Plant Veterinarians and Food Safety Meat Assessors.
- Review of fee for service and levy-based charges has resulted in minor adjustment of some prices.
- Recovery of costs associated with Fit and Proper Person (FPP) assessment are more directly attributed to the areas that generate the demand resulting in an increase in meat export licences and registration costs.
- A specific levy-based charge point has been created to apply to meat export establishments who apply for or hold China Importing Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER)
- We have also revised the charging risk assessment for the meat exports CRIS in consultation with the Department of Finance. The overall risk rating for the 2026–27 financial year is rated as medium.

More information is available within the final meat exports CRIS accessible via: [2026–27 Agricultural Exports Cost Recovery Implementation Statements \(CRIS\)](#).

## 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 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	Meat export licence	Annual	345	382	418	455	484	345	1,486.65	1,564.12	1,668.86	245%	Increase in the meat export licence annual levy-based charge reflects more targeted allocation of Fit & Proper Person (FPP) costs into this charge point. This has been done to promote closer alignment of cost with those who generate the demand in line with industry feedback.
Levy-based charge	Registration application	Per-application	854	841	891	943	998	854	883.93	990.01	1,082.65	8%	Increases in the respective cost bases from financial modelling adjustments conducted between draft and final CRIS publication has resulted in a small increase in levy-based charges across
Levy-based charge	Establishment – abattoir	Monthly	880	1,018	1,109	1,204	1,277	880	1,125.22	1,225.75	1,305.06	2%	
Levy-based charge	Establishment – casings	Monthly	880	867	918	972	1,028	880	910.84	1,020.15	1,115.61	9%	
Levy-based charge	Establishment – further processing	Monthly	1,309	1,289	1,366	1,446	1,529	1,309	1,354.87	1,517.48	1,659.46	9%	

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Levy-based charge	Establishment – independent boning rooms	Monthly	1,309	1,289	1,366	1,446	1,529	1,309	1,354.87	1,517.48	1,659.46	9%	registration applications and monthly establishment charges.
Levy-based charge	Establishment – poultry	Monthly	1,309	1,289	1,366	1,446	1,529	1,309	1,354.87	1,517.48	1,659.46	9%	
Levy-based charge	Establishment – storage and transportation	Monthly	880	867	918	972	1028	880	910.84	1,020.15	1,115.61	9%	
Levy-based charge	Establishment – CIFER casings <sup>a</sup>	Monthly	n/a					n/a	1,036.69	1,161.11	1,269.75		These new charge points within the final CRIS reflect a move away from broad socialisation and more targeted charging to those who receive direct benefit in conjunction with CIFER registration in line with industry feedback.
Levy-based charge	Establishment – CIFER storage and transportation <sup>a</sup>	Monthly	n/a					n/a	1,036.69	1,161.11	1,269.75		
Levy-based charge	Establishment – CIFER abattoir <sup>a</sup>	Monthly	n/a					n/a	1,251.07	1,366.70	1,459.20		
Levy-based charge	Throughput – full unit (cattle, buffalo, camel)	Per animal	0.46	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.67	0.46	0.59	0.64	0.68	1%	

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Levy-based charge	Throughput – pig	Per animal	0.16	0.19	0.2	0.22	0.23	0.16	0.21	0.22	0.24	4%	account for rounding considerations.
Levy-based charge	Throughput – sheep, goat, lamb	Per animal	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.18	6%	
Levy-based charge	Throughput – emu, ostrich	Per animal	0.07					0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	n/a	The throughput levy-based charge for emu and ostrich was previously not included within the draft CRIS and has now been reflected in the final CRIS.
Fee	Audit – non-vet	Per quarter hour	64	78	85	92	97	64	83.14	89.89	94.97	-2%	Pricing amendments made for vet and non-vet audit fees as well as OPV planned and unplanned inspection reflects department work to more closely align function prices to effort.
Fee	Audit – vet	Per quarter hour	109	111	114	117	120	109	137.31	148.28	156.53	30%	
Fee	FSMA – planned	Per quarter hour	27	32	35	37	40	27	35.12	37.98	40.14	0%	
Fee	FSMA – unplanned	Per quarter hour	39	46	50	54	57	39	50.73	54.86	57.98	2%	
Fee	OPV – planned	Per quarter hour	36	38	42	45	48	36	41.98	45.42	48.03	0%	

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Fee	OPV – unplanned	Per quarter hour	51	54	59	64	68	51	59.48	64.35	68.04	0%	
Fee	Export document – manual	Per document	43	42	49	58	65	43	42.72	45.95	48.60	-25%	The effort associated with manual export document and replacement document fees has been reviewed following industry consultation. This review has resulted in an adjustment to lower prices within the final CRIS reflective of more closely aligning function prices to effort.
Fee	Replacement document	Per document	551	542	633	738	827	551	547.41	588.83	622.77	-25%	
Fee	Application for exemption	Per quarter hour	39					39	40.99	43.13	46.02	n/a	The fee for an application for exemption was previously not included within the draft CRIS and has now been reflected in the final CRIS.

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Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – electronically-issued certificate (including fee and levy-based charge) b	Per document	37	39.92	44.75	48.7	52.51	37	41.42	43.7	46.57	-11%	Amendments made to fee and charge components for export documents and tariff rate quota certificates reflect work done to ensure more targeted allocation of function prices to effort.
Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		32	35	39	42	45	32	36.45	38.35	40.92	-9%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		5	4.92	5.75	6.7	7.51	5	4.97	5.34	5.65	-25%	
Fee/levy-based charge	Export document – tariff rate quota certificate (including fee and levy-based charge) b	Per document	37	39.92	44.75	48.7	52.51	37	41.42	43.70	46.57	-11%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Levy-based charge		32	35	39	42	45	32	36.45	38.35	40.92	-9%	
Fee/levy-based charge	– Fee		5	4.92	5.75	6.7	7.51	5	4.97	5.34	5.65	-25%	

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Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is single time	Per quarter hour	10.43	12.68	13.71	14.74	15.77	10.43	13.06	13.44	13.82	-12%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is time and a half	Per quarter hour	15.65	19.02	19.59	20.16	20.73	15.65	19.59	20.16	20.73	0%	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	FSMA during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is double time	Per quarter hour	20.86	25.36	26.12	26.88	27.64	20.86	26.12	26.88	27.64	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is double and a half	Per quarter hour	26.07	31.7	32.65	33.6	34.55	26.07	32.65	33.60	34.55	0%	

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Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is single time	Any period under 3 hours	166.88	152.16	156.72	161.29	165.85	125.16	156.72	161.29	165.85	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is time and a half	Any period under 3 hours	250.24	228.24	235.09	241.93	248.78	187.74	235.09	241.93	248.78	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is double time	Any period under 3 hours	333.76	304.32	313.45	322.58	331.71	250.32	313.45	322.58	331.71	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	FSMA during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is double time and a half	Any period under 3 hours	417.12					312.9	391.81	403.22	414.64	n/a	The OOH fee for an FSMA (less than 3 hours) was previously not included within the draft CRIS and has now been reflected in the final CRIS.

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Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is single time	Per quarter hour	16.17	17.83	18.86	19.89	20.92	16.17	18.36	18.90	19.43	-7%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is time and a half	Per quarter hour	24.26	26.75	27.55	28.35	29.15	24.26	27.55	28.35	29.15	0%	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	Veterinarian during a period of 3 or more hours – if overtime rate is double time	Per quarter hour	32.34	35.66	36.73	37.8	38.87	32.34	36.73	37.80	38.87	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of 3 or more hours – if the overtime	Per quarter hour	40.43	44.58	45.91	47.25	48.59	40.43	45.91	47.25	48.59	0%	

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	rate is double time and a half												
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is single time	Any period under 3 hours	194.04	213.96	220.38	226.8	233.22	194.04	220.38	226.80	233.22	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is time and a half	Any period under 3 hours	291.12	320.94	330.57	340.2	349.82	291.12	330.57	340.20	349.82	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of less than 3 hours – if the overtime rate is double time	Any period under 3 hours	388.08	427.92	440.76	453.6	466.43	388.08	440.76	453.60	466.43	0%	
Outside ordinary hour (OOH) fee	Veterinarian during a period of less than 3 hours –	Any period under 3 hours	485.16					485.16	550.95	566.99	583.04	n/a	The OOH fee for a veterinarian (less than 3 hours) was previously not

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	if the overtime rate is double time and a half													included within the draft CRIS and has now been reflected in the final CRIS.
Organics c	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%	The modelling of effort to cost of organic work across documentation, annual registrations and applications has resulted in a recalculation and lower price.	
Organics c	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%		
Organics c	Application charge for organic goods certification operation	Per application	689	710	730	751	772	689	384.32	390.39	402.90	-48%		
Organics c	Audit fee for organic good certification operations	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.96	50.75	52.38	-6%		
Organics c	Assessment of applications or approvals	Per quarter hour	39	49	53	54	56	39	49.88	50.68	52.31	-7%		