



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry**

Enabling agricultural exports into the future

Sustainable export trade funding

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Decisions of Government

- The Government will introduce new cost recovery arrangements for export regulatory services from 1 July 2026, with a **phased transition to full cost recovery** over a three-year period (for most arrangements)
 - Government is providing funding of **\$48.7 million** to supplement a revenue gap in seven export arrangements.
- The package also proposes certain regulatory activities currently undertaken to be moved to Cost Recovery, including some activities allowing DAFF to regulate agricultural exports to China (China's CIFER listing process).
- The Government is also providing ongoing appropriation funding for a limited range of activities in Live Animal Export that exist to meet community expectations, as well as support for delivering a new regulatory and cost recovery model for Non-Prescribed Goods
- Government is providing funding for the department's non-regulatory technical market access and international engagement functions for 2025-26 of **\$7.1 million**

Decisions of Government

- The Government has allocated funding to enable a phased return to full cost recovery over 3 years for most arrangements. The planned schedule of price increases will be supplemented by government over the 3 years period for 5 out of the 7 arrangements, including **meat, grain and plant products, horticulture, dairy, and seafood and eggs.**
- Phased supplementation will cover:
 - 75% of the revenue gap in 26-27
 - 50% in 27-28
 - 25% in 28-29
 - With supplementation ceasing in the 29-30 financial year.

Phased Supplementation	26-27 FY (next FY)	27-28 FY	28-29 FY	29-30 FY
Percentage of gap supplemented	75%	50%	25%	0%

Decisions of Government - Live animal export

- Supplementation for the live animal export arrangement is unique. Changes will align with a new regulatory framework to support ongoing sustainability of the industry.
- A CRIS will be developed and released to align with the phase out of live sheep export by sea.
- The Australian Government will provide ongoing appropriation funding for activities the department undertakes to meet Australian community expectations.
 - These functions will no longer be cost recovered

Live Animal Exports	25-26 FY (current FY)	26-27 FY	27-28 FY	28-29 FY
Percentage of gap supplemented	(Already received)	75%	50%	0%
LAE Regulatory Improvement	\$0.3m	\$2.6m	\$2.8m	\$1.8m
Activities to meet community expectations	Supplemented / cost recovered	\$7.7m	\$7.7m	\$6.9m

Decisions of Government – Non-Prescribed Goods

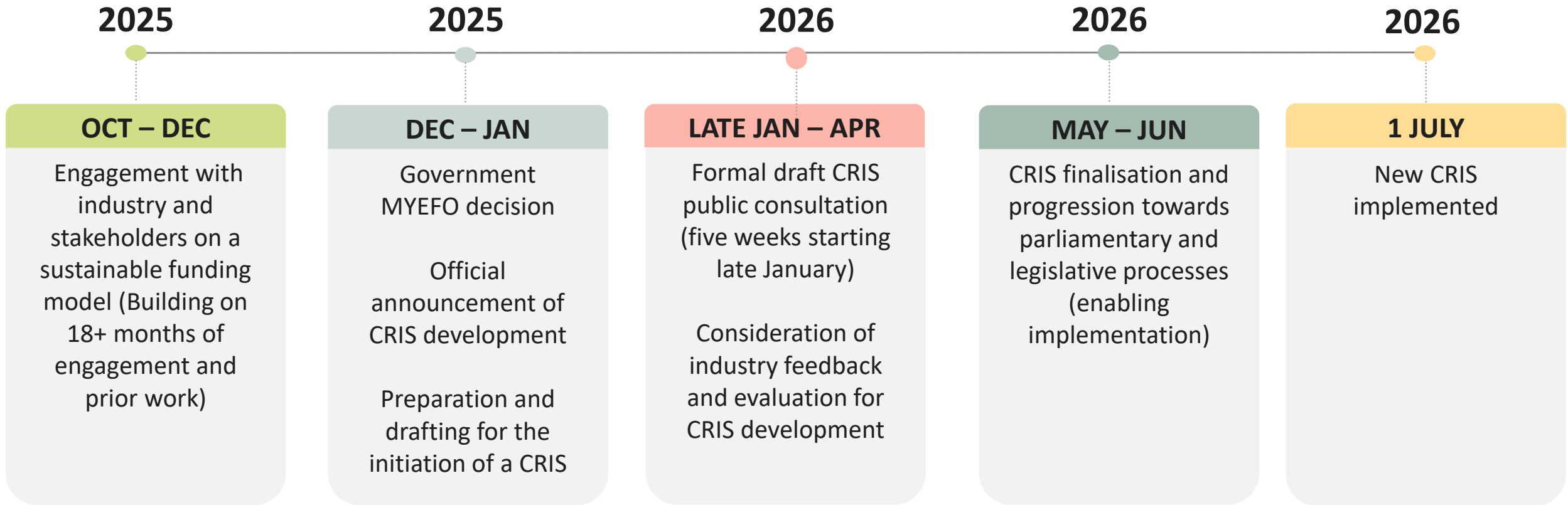
- The government is providing funding for a new General Products CRIS to work in conjunction with the existing Non-Prescribed Goods (NPG) CRIS.
- The Government is also investing in Digital Uplift capabilities for this General Products CRIS
- This will deliver a new regulatory and cost recovery model for NPGs and scope reforms for organics exports
- The Government is providing supplementation in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to provide support to industry as the General Products CRIS is phased in

Non-Prescribed Goods	25-26 FY (current FY)	26-27 FY (next FY)	27-28 FY	28-29 FY	29-30 FY
Supplementation	Already provided	Continues	Continues	Nil/full cost recovery	Nil/full cost recovery
Organics Reform	\$0.0m	\$0.2m	\$0.2m	\$0.0m	\$0.0m
Non-Prescribed Goods Reform	\$3.1m	\$6.4m	\$3.7m	\$1.8m	\$0.3m

Activities proposed to be moved to Cost Recovery (Phased)

Regulatory activity	Rationale	Indicative Financial Costs (full implementation)
Overseas listing – CIFER	This function is a regulatory activity that is required for accessing the Chinese market for specified commodities – cost is for ensuring compliance with China’s import requirements/listing process. This activity falls within the scope of current policy authority for export cost recovery under the export Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) but is inconsistently cost recovered.	\$0.5m
Market maintenance regulatory services	This is about maintaining access to markets for agricultural commodities, including updating standards that allow the export of agricultural goods. This activity falls within the scope of current policy authority for export cost recovery under the export CRIS but there are activities done within this work that are not currently cost recovered. This function also relates to direct intervention activities under the Export Control Act.	\$2.4m
Non-compliance investigation and triage	This involves investigating and triaging non-compliance activities – which is a necessary cost of regulating the export sector. This activity falls within current policy authority for export cost recovery under the export CRIS but is not currently cost recovered. Equivalent activities and services are cost recovered for Biosecurity. This function also relates to direct intervention activities under the Export Control Act.	\$0.8m
Fit and proper person assessments	The Fit and Proper Person (FPP) Test is a regulatory tool where the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (or delegate), as required by the Export Control Act and the Biosecurity Act, makes an assessment to determine if a person is fit and proper to undertake a regulated activity related to the import or export of goods. Such an assessment helps the department to manage risks associated with the failure to comply with applicable standards and requirements, including importing country requirements, for exported goods under the Export Control Act. This activity falls within current policy authority for export cost recovery under the export CRIS but is not currently cost recovered. This function also relates to direct intervention activities under the Export Control Act.	\$1.3m
Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICOR) sustainment	MICOR is a system that details the requirements set by Australia's agricultural export trading partners. This activity falls within the scope of current policy authority for export cost recovery under the export CRIS but is not currently cost recovered.	\$1.2m
Regulatory efficiency function	Ongoing funding is needed to ensure regulatory functions delivered by the department remain fit for purpose and can readily adapt and change in an evolving external environment. This activity would fall within policy authority for export cost recovery under the export CRIS. Activities could include streamlining regulatory requirements for establishments based on operation risk profile; exploring recognition of specific industry processes/alternate verification technologies; identifying and addressing knowledge and capability gaps for industry in navigating regulatory processes; and identifying opportunities to automate export certification using business rules within the department’s export system. We will test these with you during CRIS consultation.	\$2.2m
TOTAL		\$8.5m

Timeline



Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) consultation

- There will be opportunities to have your say as part of the CRIS consultation process. These opportunities will include:
 - In-person consultation in selected major and regional cities in Australia
 - Virtual briefings
- These sessions will provide detailed information on the schedule of fees and charges; new charging arrangements; cost allocation methodology; impact analysis; and the draft CRISs
- Consultation will inform changes to the current agricultural export cost recovery arrangements through updating the 2026–27 CRISs and amendments to the relevant legislation
- Your Feedback can also be provided via:
 - Have Your Say online platform
 - Email to the Exports Funding Team – Exportsfunding@aff.gov.au
 - Telephone and or virtual meetings (if requested)

CRIS consultation - information

The draft CRIS will provide information on:

- Schedule of proposed fees and charges for export regulatory services
 - Including tables comparing current and proposed fees and charges over the full phasing timeframe
- Description of the activities within the scope of cost recovery arrangements
- Cost allocation methodology
- Sustainable funding model
- Charging Risk Assessment rating
- Financial estimates over the forward years
- Stakeholder engagement

CRIS consultation – scope

In scope

Informing stakeholders on:

- The MYEFO decision and how it will be implemented, including the process for transition and change
- The need for a new sustainable funding model, how the cost base will change, and the drivers for change
- The cost allocation policy used by the department
- How the department is applying the Australian Government Charging Framework and Cost Recovery Policy
- The methodology of determining prices of regulatory services and modelling the cost of delivering the services.

Consulting stakeholders on:

- The new proposed price structure for export regulatory services including tables comparing current and proposed fees and charges over the full phasing timeframe set out in the draft CRIS'
- The rationale and explanation of the changes including the drivers of change to the cost base, and description of activities being transitioned from appropriation funded to cost recovery set out in consultation papers or fact sheets
- How proposed fees may impact businesses.

Out of scope

MYEFO 2025-26 decision of government

The outcome for past results within arrangements.



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Thank-you

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