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Enabling agricultural exports into the future

Final CRIS 2026-27

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Agricultural Trade and Regulation Group

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Trade Funding Decisions

- **December 2025 – MYEFO 2025-26**
  - A **phased transition to full cost recovery for export regulatory services** from 1 July 2026 over a 3-year period (for most arrangements):
    - The package also proposed certain regulatory activities currently undertaken to be transitioned into cost recovery
    - Ongoing appropriation funding for a limited range of activities in Live Animal Export that exist to meet community obligations, as well as support for delivering a new regulatory and cost recovery model for Non-Prescribed Goods
    - $48.7 million was provided by government to **supplement the revenue gap** in 7 export arrangements.
  - $7.1 million funding for DAFF's **non-regulatory technical market access and international engagement** functions for the remaining six months of 2025-26

- **May 2026 - Budget 2026-27**
  - No increase in prices for 2026-27 in recognition of the disruptions being experienced by farmers and producers due to the conflict in the Middle East, as announced on 31 March 2026
    - $8.2 million in **additional supplementation for** 2026-27
  - $23.8 million over 4 years from 2026-27 to 2029-30 and a further $6.1 million in **ongoing funding** to **sustain non-regulatory agricultural trade technical market access** functions at DAFF
  - $45.1 million over 4 years from 2026-27 to 2029-30, and a further $11.4 million **ongoing funding** to **sustain specialised international leadership and standard setting** activities that support Australia's agricultural sector

Implementation approach

- 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: **meat**, **grain and plant products**, **horticulture**, **dairy**, and **fish and eggs**.
- Phased supplementation for these arrangements will cover:
    - 100% of the revenue gap in 26-27
    - 50% in 27-28
    - 25% in 28-29
    - With supplementation ceasing in the 29-30 financial year
- Activities to be **phased into cost recovery** (such as FPP and CIFER) will follow this schedule across all arrangements, where applicable.

There is a different phased supplementation for live animal export and non-prescribed goods arrangements.

- **Live Animal** will have 100% supplementation in 26-27, 50% in 2027-28, and 0% in 2028-29. Funding has been provided to deliver regulatory improvements and design a new CRIS to align with the phase out of the export of live sheep by sea by 1 May 2028.
- **Non-Prescribed goods** will develop new regulatory arrangements to include **General Products** and will have 100% cost recovery in 2028-29 as new commodities are phased in. $21 million has been provided to design and implement this change.

Consultation

- Sought feedback on:
  - the structure of fees and charges and whether adjustments should be made
  - the rationale for charging
  - how the proposed fees may impact businesses
  - if there are improvements we can make to CRIS consultation and communication

- Between 29 January and 20 March:
  - Held 7 in-person consultation sessions in Brisbane, Geelong, Launceston, Mildura, Perth, Sydney and Adelaide with 60 attendees.

  - Held 11 total virtual meetings with Industry Consultative Committees or industry representative bodies.

  - Received 49 submissions and 61 *Have Your Say* survey responses

Overview of feedback from industry – key themes

General themes

- Concern about the decision and the need for a 12-month pause (compounded by current Middle East situation)
- Lack of confidence in the cost-efficiency of the department, and ability to implement reforms

Actionable feedback

1. Price structure - further detail, shifting to fee/user-based charging, volumes
2. Rationale for charging - justification for charging and regulatory efficiency
3. Industry impacts - price changes will impact on international competitiveness

Arrangement changes – all arrangements

Changed

- Most prices for 2026-27 remain unchanged following the 31 March government decision to not increase prices for 12 months
- Realigning how effort is attributed within each arrangement. This means that individual fees for service and export certification have generally increased, while establishment registration and application levy-based charges have seen more moderate increases and some decreases
- Increasing the visibility of charge points in the CRIS to reflect existing available charges in legislation
    - For example: live animal export charges
- Commitment to work with industry on regulatory efficiency program design and governance over 2026-27
    - There will be no cost recovery for this program in 2026-27
- Adjustments to the level of charging:
    - Market maintenance funding adjustment, from initial $2.4 million to revised cost of $0.82 million
- Revised charging risk assessment rating to medium, in consultation with Department of Finance

Arrangement changes – all arrangements

Maintained

- Using conservative, stable volume assumptions to support prudent pricing and revenue modelling
- Cost recovery for the additional 5 activities have been included. These activities meet the eligibility requirements for cost recovery under the principles of the Australian Government Charging Framework
- Cost base assumptions to 2028-29 - using indexation based on recent wage price index (3%) and supplier annual cost increases (2.7%)

Timeline

2025	2025	2026	2026	2026	2027
OCT – DEC	**DEC – JAN**	**LATE JAN – APR**	**MAY – JUN**	**1 JULY**	**1 JULY**
Industry briefing session 30 October (industry feedback received by the Department over past 18 months)	Government MYEFO decision Official announcement of CRIS development Preparation and drafting for the initiation of a CRIS	Formal draft CRIS public consultation (29 January to 6 March) Consideration of industry feedback and evaluation for CRIS development	CRIS finalisation and progression towards parliamentary and legislative processes enabling implementation	New CRIS implemented	New CRIS prices start
COMPLETE	**COMPLETE**	**COMPLETE**	**IN PROGRESS**		

Next steps

- Follow up discussions with Industry Consultative Committees
- Legislative instruments
- Transition to business as usual
- Next CRIS
- Prioritising future reforms

Question and answer session

- For live questions, please raise your hand and share your name and organisation
- Or please include your questions in the meeting chat

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Thank you