



EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2017-09		01 August 2017
Title:	Cessation of Remissions for the Live Animal Export Cost Recovery Arrangement from 02 August 2017	
Species:	Livestock	
Country:	N/A	
For information:	Livestock Exporters ALEC LiveCorp Department Officers	

Purpose

To advise of the cessation of the remission program for the Live Animal Export Cost Recovery Arrangement (the arrangement) from 02 August 2017. Remissions currently applied to cost recovered levies for throughput will cease immediately.

Background/ Key points

Remissions are a temporary reduction in charges. They are subject to industry consultation and government approval, and may be implemented within existing legislation. This allows the department to adjust charges without a cost recovery review, which may require legislation and may take up to twelve months. When a remission is agreed, the legislated fees and levies do not change, a remission is applied to reduce the amount payable. The Live Animal Exports Cost Recovery Impact Statement outlines the fees and levies for 2015-16 through to 2018-19.

All remissions are temporary and are closely monitored to ensure ongoing affordability. Remissions may need to be adjusted if trade volumes and/or costs change unexpectedly. Any adjustments are subject to industry consultation, with an agreed lead time for industry to respond to a change in price.

The arrangement currently has remissions in place for throughput levies (Table 1) which were implemented as part of the 2014-15 fee review following consultation with industry.

The arrangement is under recovering and the current remission program is no longer financially sustainable. Remissions on Throughput will be ceased from 02 August 2017.

Table 1 provides a summary of the 2016-17 Remission Program showing the legislated rate, the remission rates and amount payable pre and post 02 August 2017.

Table 1: Summary of the charges payable

Activity Stream	Unit of Charge	Type of Charge	Legislated Rate	1 July 2016 - 1 August 2017		From 2 August 2017	
				Remission Rate	Amount Payable	Remission Rate	Amount Payable
Throughput							
Throughput - Full Unit (Cattle/Buffalo/Camelids)	Animal	Levy	\$1.21	\$0.01	\$1.20	-	\$1.21
Throughput - Full Unit (Sheep/Goat)	Animal	Levy	\$0.31	\$0.01	\$0.30	-	\$0.31

Instructions

Live animal exporters will be affected by the removal of the remission program. The removal of the remissions increase charges payable for Throughput rates, but does not impact the legislated rate.

Invoices will reflect the relevant rate for services to be provided from 02 August 2017 inclusive.

Details of the fees and levies recoverable for the Live Animal Export industry are published on the Department's website:

Cost Recovery Implementation Statement:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/fees/cost-recovery/live-animal-cris>

Charging Guidelines:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/fees/charging-guidelines>

If you have any further questions regarding this adjustment to the remission program please contact the Cost Recovery Operations team:

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