



Notice to Industry

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## AQIS Import Clearance Fees and Review

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry that the AQIS Import Clearance Program has reviewed its broad schedule of fees and this review is intended to become effective from 1 July 2008. The changes in fee rates are as follows:

<b>Activity Stream</b>	<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Current Fee, \$</b>	<b>Proposed Fee \$</b>
<b>Permit Granting</b>	Manual Application/application for amendment	100.00	130.00
	E-lodgement fee	16.00	75.00
	ePermit application	16.00	75.00
	Category 1 assessment	17.00	40.00
	Category 2 assessment	60.00	80.00
	Category 3 assessment	120.00	140.00
	Category 4 assessment	180.00	200.00
	Category 5 assessment	240.00	260.00
	Fee for service charge – for each 1/4 hour or part thereof, after the 1 hour period.	15.00	35.50
<b>Entry Management</b>	Making a manual quarantine entry on an AQIS entry management system	10.00	12.00
	Making an electronic quarantine entry on an AQIS management system	6.00	7.00
	Processing an entry made on an AQIS entry management system if the goods mentioned in the entry are subject to a compliance agreement	5.00	6.00
	Processing an entry made on an AQIS entry management system if the goods mentioned in the entry are not subject to a compliance agreement	27.00	30.00
	QAP registration - 12 months	800.00	900.00
	QAP registration - 6 months	400.00	450.00
<b>Cargo Risk Management Sea</b>	Inspection or clearance of a sea container that contains less than a full load of cargo (LCL).	3.75	4.00
	Inspection or clearance of a sea container that is full (FCL/FCX).	15.00	16.00
	Import Declaration - Sea	7.00	10.00

<b>Cargo Risk Management Air</b>	Import Declaration - Air	14.00	10.00
	Self Assessed Clearance (SAC) upgrade to AIMS	10.00	20.00
<b>Treatments &amp; Inspections</b>	In-Office inspections - 1/4hr	35.50	35.50
	Out-of-office inspections (1st 1/2 hr)	80.00	80.00
	Out-of-office inspections (1/4 hr thereafter)	40.00	40.00
	Services of an officer for one or more working days	714.00	714.00
	Services of an officer for one or more working weeks	2,486.00	2,486.00
	Services of an officer for four working weeks	9,397.00	9,397.00
<b>Overtime</b>	A weekday, non continuous work outside normal hours of duty for any period up to 3 hours	120.00	135.00
	A weekday when the services are performed immediately before or after the officers' normal hours of work – for each ¼ hour or part thereof.	10.00	15.00
	A Saturday for any period up to 3 hours	120.00	140.00
	A Saturday for each ¼ hour period or part thereof, after the end of the 3 hour period.	10.00	20.00
	A Sunday for any period up to 3 hours	156.00	176.00
	A Sunday for each ¼ hour or part thereof after the 3 hour period.	13.00	23.00
	Public Holiday for any period up to 3 hours	192.00	200.00
	Public Holiday for each ¼ hour period or part thereof after the 3 hour period.	16.00	25.00
	Examination of timber (per cubic metre or part thereof), other than plywood or veneer, that is not in a container	1.70	2.20

### **Reason for the review of fees**

In July 2005 the broad schedule of fees, set out in the *Quarantine Service Fee Determination 2005*, was established. In November 2005, following the adjustments in the permitted monetary value of imported products (or “entry threshold”) from \$250 to \$1000 the Full Import Declaration (FID) fee for air cargo was increased. This increase covered the additional costs attributed to the Self Assessed Clearance (SAC) profiling and associated activities as well as the loss of revenue resulting from the decrease in air cargo entries. Since then, the import clearance quarantine service fees have remained unchanged.

Since the establishment of the *Quarantine Service Fee Determination 2005*, there has been an increase in international trade and related service delivery costs. As the AQIS Import Clearance Program operates within the *Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines*, these fee increases are necessary to maintain AQIS's cost recovery.

A review of fees commenced in early 2007. Consultation with the AQIS/Industry Cargo Consultative Committee (AICCC) has been ongoing. Although the current fees have been established for three years, agreement to set new interim fees outlined in the table for one year from 1 July 2008 has been reached. These interim fees will be reviewed in 2008/09, with a view to implementing a set of fees for a longer period from 1 July 2009.

### **Further information**

An updated version of the AQIS Import Clearance Fees and Charging Guidelines can be found at [www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/fees-charges/guidelines-import-clearance](http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/fees-charges/guidelines-import-clearance).