



Notice to Industry

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AQIS Cargo and Vessel Clearance Fees – Fee Amendments and Fee Restructure – Effective from 1 July 2009

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry of the revised fee rates and other changes made to Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Cargo and Vessel Clearance fees, effective as of 1 July 2009.

Background

The new fee package will ensure that adequate biosecurity services can be maintained and also allowing some improved quarantine practices to benefit both industry and the public.

The onset of the global economic crisis has seen a drop in trade across the board with industry predictions of import activity decreasing to 2006-07 figures. Cost modelling was undertaken in consultation with industry through the AQIS/Industry Cargo Consultative Committee (AICCC) to find equitable ways to meet the funding shortfall. Without fee increases, a significant deficit was projected for 2009/10 which needs to be met by industry under cost recovery policy and guidelines. AQIS has also undertaken efficiency measures to reduce the increase in AQIS costs.

The revised fee package contains a number of changes including the simplification of some charges and alignment of similar fees across different programs. The proposed changes include increases for:

- lodgement and assessment of entries and applications;
- full container load (FCL) and less than container load (LCL) inspections;
- services performed during and outside ordinary hours of duty;
- documentary clearance for vessels;
- Fee-For-Service (FFS) activities; and
- assessment of applications for approval and renewal of Quarantine Approved Premises.

The fee structure will maintain sufficient and appropriate staff to ensure biosecurity risks are managed and quarantine services are retained. It will also allow for redeployment of staff to undertake initiatives in line with Beale report recommendations, including a move to risk-based intervention, rather than routine quarantine inspections. For example, AQIS is planning to introduce a more targeted approach to air cargo and vessel clearance. These changes will be progressively implemented as staffing, operational and client risks permit. Resources will also be redirected to analyse quarantine intelligence, develop new documentation and provide more training for AQIS staff.

Further information

A list of the new fees and charges is attached.

The AQIS Fees and Charging Guidelines for Cargo and Vessel Clearance will be available from the following link: www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges

SUMMARY OF FEE INCREASES CARGO AND VESSEL CLEARANCE

Activity Stream	Fee Description	Current	New Fees 2009-2010
Permit Granting	Manual Permit Application / Lodgement Application for Amendment	\$130.00	\$150.00
	Electronic Permit Application / Lodgement	\$75.00	\$85.00
	Category 1 Permit Assessment	\$40.00	\$40.00
	Category 2 Permit Assessment (up to 1 hour)	\$80.00	\$80.00
	Category 3 Permit Assessment (up to 2 hours)	\$140.00	\$160.00
	Category 4 Permit Assessment (up to 3 hours)	\$200.00	\$240.00
	Category 5 Permit Assessment (up to 4 hours)	\$260.00	\$320.00
	Additional 1/4 Hour Fee-For-Service after the maximum allowable time for assessment has been reached.	\$35.50	\$40.00
	Import Operations	Import Declaration in the Integrated Cargo System - AIR	\$10.00
Import Declaration in the Integrated Cargo System - SEA		\$10.00	\$14.00
Assessment of Import Declaration – Compliance Agreement Lodgement		\$6.00	\$8.00
Import Declaration - Electronic Lodgement (AIMS)		\$7.00	\$9.00
Import Declaration - Manual Lodgement		\$12.00	\$15.00
Import Declaration – Self Assessed Clearance (SAC) upgrade to AIMS		\$20.00	\$25.00
Assessment of AIMS Import Declaration		\$30.00	\$40.00
QAP Registration - 12 Months		\$900.00	\$1,200.00
QAP Registration - 6 Months		\$450.00	\$600.00
Treatments & Inspections	Inspection of Container – Fee per Less than a Container Load shipment	\$4.00	\$6.00
	Inspection of Container – Fee per Full Container Load	\$16.00	\$24.00
	Inspections In-Office per ¼ hr	\$35.50	\$40.00
	Inspections Out-Office 1st 1/2 Hour	\$80.00	\$90.00
	Inspections Out-Office Additional 1/4 Hour	\$40.00	\$45.00
	Inspections Day Rate	\$714.00	\$900.00
	Overtime – Weekday*	\$15.00	\$16.00
	Overtime - Weekday Non-Continuous 3 Hr minimum*	\$135.00	\$192.00
	Overtime - Non-Weekday*	\$23.00	\$24.00
	Overtime - Non-Weekday Non-Continuous 3 Hr min.*	\$176.00	\$288.00
	Examination of non-containerised timber-per cubic metre or part thereof	\$2.20	\$2.40
Seaports	Vessel Documentary Clearance Inspection (NEW)	n/a	\$800.00
	Pratique Vessel >25m - 1st 2hrs	\$920.00	\$1,050.00
	Pratique Vessel >25m - after 1st 2hrs (additional ¼ hr)	\$40.00	\$45.00
	Pratique Vessel <25m - 1st 1 1/2 hr	\$240.00	\$330.00
	Pratique vessel <25m - additional ¼ hr	\$40.00	\$45.00
	Overnight Costs – Quarantine Officer	\$150.00	\$150.00
	*All inspections out of office and/or overtime are as per the above rates.		