



2024-25 PRICES FOR BIOSECURITY AND IMPORTED FOOD REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has issued the Import Industry Advice Notice 139-2024 announcing the publication of the 2024-25 prices for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities, which will take place from 1st July 2024.

Some of the fees increasing from 1 July 2024 that are most relevant include:

- Full Import Declaration (FID) charge (Air) increasing from \$43.00 to \$45.00 per FID
- Full Import Declaration (FID) charge (Sea) increasing from \$63.00 to \$66.00 per FID
- Fee for service – inspection (including virtual inspections), examination, document assessment, analysis, diagnostic activity, clearance of cargo, treatment, audit, supervision, training
- In office fee during ordinary hours (per 15 mins) increasing from \$37.00 to \$39.00
- Out office fee during ordinary hours (per 15 mins) increasing from \$62.00 to \$65.00

Here is the full Import Industry Advice Notice from DAFF:

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Who does this notice affect?

Stakeholders in the import and shipping industries – including imported food stakeholders, customs brokers, freight forwarders, vessel masters, biosecurity industry participants and shipping agents.

What has changed?

In 2023, in conjunction with the implementation of new charges, the department committed to an annual review of regulatory charges and made changes to legislation to include indexation. In 2024, the department will embed the annual review and apply indexation to regulatory fees and charges. An updated schedule of prices and current cost to deliver regulatory activities are provided in the 2024-25 Biosecurity Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) and pricing tables. The 2023-24 CRIS and pricing tables can be accessed on the department’s website. New fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities will commence on 1 July 2024.

What is driving these changes?

Regulatory charging is a key element to funding Australia’s biosecurity system and remains central to long-term sustainable funding arrangements. The annual review of regulatory charges will support ongoing alignment of prices with the cost to deliver their regulatory functions and avoid the need for large price increases in future years.

Key changes

All legislated regulatory charges that are subject to an indexation provision will increase by 4.1% on 1 July 2024. Indexation of legislated rates does not require changes to legislation. New rates for 2024-25 are the calculated replacement amounts described in the 2024-25 Biosecurity CRIS and pricing tables.

2024-25 Biosecurity CRIS

The 2024-25 Biosecurity CRIS contains

the indexed prices for regulatory charges, relevant information on the department’s authority to cost recover, its estimated costs, forecast volumes and cost recovery revenue for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity. Financial tables show past performance and forecast costs for future years.

Pricing tables

Pricing tables set out the indexed prices for regulatory charges and describe the indexation methodology prescribed in legislation and applied to calculate new prices.

Unfortunately, as a result of the price increases issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Tomax are left with no choice but to pass on the EEC charges at cost. Please see below the table outlining the new prices.

	Consignment Value	Electronic Lodgement	Import Declaration	Total
SEA	≤\$1,000	\$0.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
SEA	>\$1,000 to <\$10,000	\$50.00	\$66.00	\$116.00
SEA	≥\$10,000	\$152.00	\$66.00	\$218.00
AIR	≤\$1,000	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
AIR	>\$1,000 to <\$10,000	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$95.00
AIR	≥\$10,000	\$152.00	\$45.00	\$197.00

