



**Australian Government**

**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

## **AQIS Export Notice**

### **NEW EXPORT FEES AND CHARGES – 1 DECEMBER 2009**

The government is funding the Export Certification Reform Package, worth \$127.4 million over the next eighteen months to mid 2011. It includes a new set of export fees and charges to return industry to full cost recovery.

From 1 December 2009 AQIS export certification and inspection services will return to full cost recovery with the reintroduction of the fees and charges.

As part of the Export Certification Reform Package there is \$85.3 million for fee rebates to assist exporters to transition to the new fees and charges. This funding will be used to provide a 40 percent offset of the full cost impact on export industries to 30 June 2011. The rebates will be automatically applied to all invoiced fees and charges.

A schedule of fees and charges is provided at Attachment A. Charging Guidelines are available on the AQIS website from 1 December 2009.

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### **Background**

In line with the recommendations of the independent review of quarantine and biosecurity arrangements, *One biosecurity: a working partnership* (the Beale Review), the 40% contribution towards AQIS export certification functions lapsed as scheduled on 30 June 2009. In conjunction, the Government announced \$60 million in funding to support reform of export certification services to coincide with the return to full cost recovery.

New export fees and charges commenced on 1 July 2009 to support a return to full cost recovery. On 15 September 2009 the Senate passed a motion to disallow the new fees and charges.

Following disallowance, AQIS export fees and charges immediately reverted to those that were in place prior to 1 July 2009. The disallowance of the export fees and charges did not reinstate the 40% contribution which was in place prior to 1 July 2009. Consequently, significant shortfalls in revenue were experienced by all export programs.

Further, the shortfall in cash reserves that resulted from this decision meant this important reform agenda could not be progressed at this time due to budget constraints. Additionally, the shortfall in revenue against export certification program costs resulted in deficits accumulating for each industry sector.

## ATTACHMENT A

<b>Horticulture Export Program Fees and Charges 1 December 2009</b>				
<b>Fee/Charge Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Rebate</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Volume Charges</b>				
Tonnage exported (capped at 5,000 tonne per year)	tonne	\$1.90	(\$0.76)	\$1.14
<b>Registered Establishments</b>				
Registration of registered establishment	annual	\$550.00	(\$220.00)	\$330.00
<b>Documentation Fees - Manually Issued</b>				
Export Permit (non phyto) manual	document	\$51.00	(\$20.40)	\$30.60
Certificate of Condition	document	\$51.00	(\$20.40)	\$30.60
Export Permit (EX28 & EX222) - Manual signature	document	\$51.00	(\$20.40)	\$30.60
Other documents	document	\$51.00	(\$20.40)	\$30.60
Replacement documents	document	\$50.00	(\$20.00)	\$30.00
Phytosanitary Certificate	document	\$51.00	(\$20.40)	\$30.60
<b>EXDOC Registration &amp; Certificates</b>				
Export permit (non-phyto) electronic		\$26.00	(\$10.40)	\$15.60
Export Permits (Electronic RFP)	document	\$26.00	(\$10.40)	\$15.60
Certificate of Condition (Electronic Signature)	document	\$26.00	(\$10.40)	\$15.60
Other documents (Electronic Signature)	document	\$26.00	(\$10.40)	\$15.60
Phytosanitary Certificate	document	\$26.00	(\$10.40)	\$15.60
<b>Fees-For-Service - General</b>				
FFS - In Office	¼ hour	\$68.00	(\$27.20)	\$40.80
FFS - Field Inspection/Services (minimum 30 min)	¼ hour	\$68.00	(\$27.20)	\$40.80
FFS - Daily rate	day	\$1,224.00	(\$489.60)	\$734.40
FFS - Weekly rate	week	\$4,284.00	(\$1,713.60)	\$2,570.40
FFS Travel Charge-per kilometre rate	kilometre	\$0.85	(\$0.34)	\$0.51
<b>Fee-for-Service - Audit</b>				
Audit – Field Inspection/Services (minimum 30 min)	¼ hour	\$68.00	(\$27.20)	\$40.80
Audit – In office	¼ hour	\$68.00	(\$27.20)	\$40.80
Audit Travel – Unit travel cost	kilometre	\$0.85	(\$0.34)	\$0.51
<b>Overtime</b>				
Overtime rate if services are performed continuously with ordinary duty	¼ hour	\$16.00	(\$6.40)	\$9.60
Overtime rate if services are performed non-continuously with ordinary duty	minimum	\$240.00	(\$96.00)	\$144.00