

you, your business and regulatory cost recovery charges

background

The Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia Inc. (CBFCA) actively engages with statutory bodies to ensure, as far as possible, regulatory adherence to the Federal Government's Department of Finance policy, practice, equity and accountability application to border clearance cost recovery arrangements. The CBFCA's position, in relation to the import processing charges administered by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) and Department of Agriculture (DoA) (previously the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) has been extensively communicated to members since the implementation of these cost recovery arrangements in 1997.

How is cost recovery administered?

Charges are primarily collected as a part of the Full Import Declaration (FID) via electronic transmission to the ACBPS Integrated Cargo System (ICS).

Differential ACBPS charges apply for Nature 10 (entry into home consumption), Nature 20 (warehouse entry) and Nature 30 (ex-warehouse entry). DoA applies differential charges between air and sea entries and in addition applies charges on sea freight containers (FCL / FCX) and on a house bill of lading (HBL/LCL) basis

Are all consignments subject to cost recovery?

Cost recovery charges are not collected on export or low value import* consignments.

How much are the cost recovery charges?

Certain services as to customs and biosecurity border clearance arrangements are cost recovered from users of those services.

The Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2013 is the legislative base of the Import Processing Charge (IPC) which is charged on consignments with a customs value of \$10,000 or more, effective (1 January 2014) and provides for a two-tiered schedule of charges.

The current IPC for consignments with a customs value of more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 will continue to apply as will the exemption for consignments where the customs value is at \$1,000 or less.

Do additional cost recovery charges exist?

Additional cost recovery charges are administered by the ACBPS for import consignments that are not lodged electronically i.e. in a documentary form. The DoA also levies additional charges for inspections in addition to the entry process.

FID/Charge Description	DoA (1 July 2009)	ACBPS (1 January 2014)
NATURE 10 or 20 (AIR)	\$15 per FID	\$40.20 per FID for consignment with a customs value of more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 \$122.10 per FID for consignment with a customs value of \$10,000 or more

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FID/Charge Description	DoA (1 July 2009)	ACBPS (1 January 2014)
NATURE 10 or 20 (SEA)	\$14 per FID	\$50.00 per FID for consignment with a customs value of more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 \$152.60 per FID for consignment with a customs value of \$10,000 or more
NATURE 30 (AIR or SEA)	N/A	\$23.20 per FID
Additional fee per FCL (SEA)	\$24 per container	N/A
Additional fee per FCL (SEA)	\$24 per container	N/A
Additional fee per FCL (SEA)	\$6 per house bill of lading	N/A

Further information

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service www.customs.gov.au

Australian Customs Notice 2013/66: Changes to Import Processing Charges

Australian Customs Notice 2007/41: Increase in Forest and Wood Products Research Levy and Charge

Department of Agriculture – www.daff.gov.au

AQIS Notice 36-2009

Further Reference

For CBFCA member's detailed information regarding cost recovery is available on the CBFCA web site @ www.cbfca.com.au / enters member details / search on key word 'cost recovery'.

DISCLAIMER

The cost recovery charges referenced in this publication are current as at 1 January 2014 and are subject to regulatory review.

* import consignments that meet the criteria to be exempt of a FID and are not subject to DoA biosecurity intervention

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