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Changes to Biosecurity Cost Recovery

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From 1 January 2020 there will be an increase to the biosecurity cost recovery charge collected on imported goods with a customs value over AUD1000.

The Australian Government is expanding the types of biosecurity activities to be cost recovered. These include biosecurity assurance, analytics and risk mitigation activities administered by the Department of Agriculture (Agriculture). The changes are necessary to manage the risk of pest and disease incursions posed by goods and vessels entering Australia. They will address increased passenger and mail volumes, rising costs and an expected doubling of cargo volumes by 2030.

The Australian Border Force collects the biosecurity cost recovery charge through the Integrated Cargo System (ICS), on behalf of Agriculture. The new charge rates, reflected in the table below, will automatically apply to imports from 1 January 2020.

Charge	Current charge	New charge from 1 January 2020	Who is affected?
Full Import Declaration charge - air	AUD33	AUD38	Customs brokers and importers of consignments over AUD1000
Full Import Declaration charge – sea	AUD42	AUD49	Customs brokers and importers of consignments over AUD1000

Further information

In addition to the biosecurity cost recovery charge collected through the ICS as above, Agriculture has also announced changes to the arrival charge for vessels. Further information on the changes to arrival charges for vessels can be found on the Agriculture website at www.agriculture.gov.au/fees/cost-recovery/biosecurity-cris.

Further information on the changes to biosecurity cost recovery, including an updated Biosecurity Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS), is available at www.agriculture.gov.au/fees/cost-recovery/biosecurity-cris or by emailing the Department of Agriculture at costrecovery@agriculture.gov.au.

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