

Australian Customs Notice No. 2022/50

Increase to Biosecurity Cost Recovery Charge

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This Notice advises of the increase to the biosecurity cost recovery charge on Full Import Declarations for goods arriving in Australia by sea. There is no increase to the charge for goods arriving in Australia by air.

From 16 January 2023, the biosecurity cost recovery charge for goods arriving by sea will be increased to \$58.00. This only applies to imported goods with a customs value over AUD1000.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is expanding biosecurity activities to address the growing risk posed by hitchhiker pests, for example the khapra beetle and brown marmorated stink bug. This is a result from the rising trade volumes, supply chain complexities, and the concurrent movement of pests and diseases around the world. Expanding biosecurity activities aims to better manage the threat of hitchhiker pests through working with industry to design and introduce innovative ways to better profile risk and enable more rapid screening.

The Australian Border Force collects the biosecurity cost recovery charge through the Integrated Cargo System, on behalf of DAFF. The new charge rates, reflected in the table below, will apply to imports from 16 January 2023.

Charge	Current charge	Charge from 16 January 2023	Who is affected?
Full Import Declaration charge – air	AUD38	AUD38	Customs brokers and importers of consignments over AUD1000
Full Import Declaration charge – sea	AUD49	AUD58	Customs brokers and importers of consignments over AUD1000

Further information

Further information on biosecurity cost recovery, is available at <u>Fees and charges - DAFF</u> (agriculture.gov.au) or by emailing DAFF at BioCRIS@agriculture.gov.au.

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