



# BIOSECURITY (COSTS) REGULATIONS 2006: SHIPPING CONTAINER LEVY 2006 AND BIOSECURITY RISK SCREENING LEVY 2006

Under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the Biosecurity (Costs) Regulations 2003, MAF charges for the following biosecurity related cargo clearance services:

- › inspections and biosecurity clearances of goods, including clearances of containers, used vehicles and machinery;
- › organism identification;
- › offshore inspection of ships;
- › approval of permits issued under Import Health Standards;
- › approval, inspection and audit of transitional (i.e. places where containers are opened and unloaded), and containment facilities (e.g. laboratories).

The regulations have recently been reviewed and updated to:

- › ensure that changes in practice at the border are adequately cost recovered;
- › ensure the charges remain fair and equitable;
- › reduce compliance costs to importers;
- › avoid under and over recovery of costs over time.

The key changes are:

- › a simpler, streamlined charging regime for used vehicles, forest produce and unaccompanied baggage or effects;
- › increases to the MAF hourly rate inspection charges and to certain other charges, eg. organism identification at the border, MAF travel costs;
- › a new method of charging (biosecurity risk screening levy) to recover costs relating to the primary screening of import documentation;
- › a new method of charging (shipping container levy) for sea container clearance costs;
- › introduction of memorandum accounting for key services; used vehicles, sea containers and biosecurity risk screening.

The Biosecurity (Costs) Regulations 2006 and the Shipping Container Levy 2006 come into force from 7 September onwards. The Biosecurity Risk Screening Levy comes into force on 1 October. The new fees and charges in these regulations and levy orders replace those in the Biosecurity (Costs) Regulations 2003.

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**CATEGORY OF ACTIVITY**

**SUMMARY OF NEW CHARGES (GST INCL.)  
EFFECTIVE FROM 7 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Inspection of following goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; unaccompanied baggage or effects;</li> <li>&gt; nursery stock &amp; freshcut flowers;</li> <li>&gt; seeds;</li> <li>&gt; other plant material;</li> <li>&gt; fresh fruit and vegetables;</li> <li>&gt; forest produce;</li> <li>&gt; stored produce;</li> <li>&gt; non complying shipping containers;</li> <li>&gt; fishmeal;</li> <li>&gt; fresh produce;</li> <li>&gt; goods at the International Mail Centre other than those imported for personal use.</li> </ul>	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved.
Offshore inspection of ships.	\$100 per hour plus actual and reasonable cost of travel to and from ship.
Surveillance of discharge of goods.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved.
Administering the Import Health Standard for sea containers.	A levy of \$16 per full container; A levy of \$7 per empty container.
Inspection and each re-inspection after treatment of used vehicles and machinery.	Used motorcycle/moped: \$15.00 Used motor vehicle not exceeding 3,500 kg: \$25.00 Used motor vehicle exceeding 3,500 kg: \$50.00 Machinery & equipment, vehicle parts: \$100.00 per hour for each general inspector involved
Inspection of an animal that is intended to be cleared or directed to a transitional or containment facility on arrival.	\$28.70 per animal
Inspection and monitoring of animals held in a transitional or containment facility.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 per hour for each veterinary inspector involved.
Inspection of an animal on board a craft within NZ territory and not intended to be cleared.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 per hour for each veterinary inspector involved.
Monitoring controls on new organisms in a containment facility.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 per hour for each veterinary inspector involved.
Inspection of a consignment of animal material; trade samples.	\$28.70
Inspection of biological products, veterinary medicines and agricultural compounds.	\$57.40
Inspection and monitoring of plants held in a transitional or containment facility.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved
Biosecurity risk screening of import documentation.	A Levy of \$3.38 on all NZ Customs Service import entries will be imposed from 1 October 2006. From 7 September until 1 October 2006, a fee of \$28.70 will apply.
Treatment of risk goods imported with a person's baggage, through the mail or with personal effects.	Actual and reasonable costs of treatment payable prior to treatment; and any costs of packaging, storing, forwarding and returning the goods before and after treatment.
Treatment of other risk goods.	Actual and reasonable costs of treatment; and any costs of packaging, storing, forwarding and returning the goods before and after treatment.
Destruction, transportation, reshipment or other disposal of risk goods.	\$100 per hour plus actual and reasonable costs.
Supervising or advising on destruction, transportation, reshipment or other disposal of risk goods.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 for each veterinary inspector involved.
Permits processed under import health standards and amendments to permits	\$105 per permit processed or amended.
Approval and auditing of transitional and containment facilities and facility operators	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 per hour for each veterinary inspector involved.
Travel costs	Zone travel charge:  0 to 10 km: \$45 11 to 25 km: \$70 26 to 50 km: \$140 51 to 75 km: \$200  Over 75km based on the hourly rate of the inspector or veterinary inspector for the time that the inspector has spent away from base, plus actual and reasonable costs.
Call outs where inspection work is needed outside normal times.	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 for each veterinary inspector involved. These costs are additional to inspection costs.
Waiting time	\$100 per hour for each general inspector involved; and \$96.10 for each veterinary inspector involved.
Laboratory identification of organisms. Fees for the identification of organisms provided by a MAF IDC laboratory or a MAF approved external laboratory are not set by the Biosecurity (Costs) Regulations, and are contestable and subject to competitive market forces.	If an organism identification is carried out at a MAF IDC laboratory, costs would be payable as specific amounts as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; \$370 for the identification per submission (single or multiple identifications or negative test results) of terrestrial invertebrates; or nematodes; or fungi and bacteria;</li> <li>&gt; \$490 for the identification per submission (single or multiple identifications or negative test results) of viruses;</li> <li>&gt; Examinations, testing and treatments for L3 crops (including audit testing of crops imported through offshore accredited facilities) will be charged on a case by case fee for services.</li> </ul>
Organism identification carried out by MAF Quarantine Service	\$100 per hour for identification carried out by MAF Quarantine Service.