

COST REGULATIONS SCENARIOS

Live Fish & Domestic Animals – Large Importer

Scenario:

A large trader/importer of aquarium goods imports 19 boxes of live fish from Singapore, which are inspected at the Auckland Air cargo facility. This is a packaging / security inspection only, and the fish inspection is undertaken at the quarantine facilities.

The table below compares charges under the current charging structure (the Biosecurity Costs Regulations 2006 and three Biosecurity levy orders) and under the two proposed options for the revised Biosecurity Costs Regulations and levies.

Current charging structure	Option 1	Option 2
1 x \$4.00 (Risk Screening Levy) \$4.00	1 x \$5.65 (Risk Screening Levy) \$5.65	1 x (Biosecurity System Entry levy) \$12.50
0.25 hour x \$100 (per hour of Inspection) \$25.00	0.25 hour x \$118 (Inspection for 50 items) \$29.50	0.25 hour x \$100 (per hour of Inspection) \$25.00
1 x 15 min (Inspection Admin fee) \$25.00	1 x 15 min (Inspection Admin fee) \$29.50	
Total \$54.00	Total \$64.65	Total \$37.50

Live Fish & Domestic Animals – Small Importer

Scenario:

A private individual brings over a domestic cat from Australia.

The table below compares charges under the current charging structure (the Biosecurity Costs Regulations 2006 and three Biosecurity levy orders) and under the two proposed options for the revised Biosecurity Costs Regulations and levies.

Current charging structure	Option 1	Option 2
1 x \$28.70 (Fixed EC Agreement ¹ Fee) \$28.70	1 x \$40.00 (Inspection of a Domestic Pet Animal) \$40.00	1 x \$40.00 (Inspection of a Domestic Pet Animal) \$40.00
1 x \$25.00 (Destruction of Bedding ²) \$25.00	1 x \$25.00 (Destruction of Bedding ²) \$25.00	1 x \$25.00 (Destruction of Bedding ²) \$25.00
Total \$53.70	Total \$65.00	Total \$65.00

Notes:

¹ The EC Agreement is the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on Sanitary Measures Applicable to Trade in Live Animals and Animal Products signed in 1996. The historical application of the EC Agreement fees to inspections of live animals imported from non-EC member countries has led to a significant under-recovery of the costs incurred by MAF in providing this biosecurity service. Both options propose to introduce the same new fee that more accurately reflects the actual cost of this service, hence a fee increase in this scenario.

² The destruction of bedding in this scenario is an actual and reasonable cost of destruction of risk goods that is paid by an importer as per item 16 of the Schedule of the current (2006) Biosecurity Costs Regulations.

