



Notice to Industry

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### **AQIS Cargo and Vessel Clearance Fees – Entry Management Processing Fee**

The purpose of this notice is to clarify the application of the Entry Management processing fee that was amended as part of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Cargo and Vessel Clearance fee review operative from 1 July 2009 (Refer Industry Notice 36/2009).

#### **Background**

Item 20 of the Quarantine Service Fees Determination 2005 reads as follows:

Item 20: *Assessment of an entry lodged on an AQIS entry management system in relation to goods that are not subject to a compliance agreement.*

For each entry:

- (a) for the initial assessment period - \$40.00; and
- (b) for each quarter hour, or part of a quarter hour, after the initial assessment period - \$40.00; and**
- (c) if the officer assessing the entry requires information additional to the information in the entry - \$40.00

The 'initial assessment' period is the period (up to 30 minutes) taken by the officer in conducting the assessment of an entry.

This variation, as highlighted above, takes into account that more complex entry assessments take longer than standard entries, and allows AQIS to recover the additional cost associated with this entry process. The change was discussed and agreed with Industry via the AQIS-Industry Cargo Consultative Committee (AICCC) Finance Sub-Committee.

The AIMS document assessment fee was originally based on the assessments taking, on average, short of 15 minutes but up to 30 minutes to complete. It follows that assessments that take longer than 30 minutes should be subject to the fee for service charge in addition to the standard fee. This approach for applying additional fees after the initial assessment period is already utilised for permit assessments that exceed their defined amount of time.

In accordance with Item 20(b), AQIS will apply the fee for service charge in quarter hour multiples to AIMS assessments that take longer than 30 minutes to complete.

#### **Further information**

The AQIS Fees and Charging Guidelines for Cargo and Vessel Clearances is available from the following link: [www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges](http://www.daffa.gov.au/fees/aqisfees-charges)