

Change	Current Rate	New Rate	Date Last Changed	Rationale
<b>Changes to cost recovery rates</b>				
Reduction in base hourly rates for 127 services provided by MPI, and replacing 51 of these charges with a fixed fee.	Charges based on \$155 per hour	Charges based on \$135 per hour	2015	The base hourly rate reduction is necessary because costs are less than the \$155 currently being charged. The replacement of variable charges with fixed fees will reduce uncertainty for fee payers about what their final charge will be.
Changing the rate for official assurances for animal material and non-live animals from \$32 plus \$155 per hour after the first fifteen minutes.	\$32 plus \$155 per hour after the first fifteen minutes	\$33.75 plus \$135 per hour after the first fifteen minutes	2015	To align with the updates to base hourly rate of \$135 per hour.
Updating trade name product registration charges under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997.	\$540 for pre-screening and \$540 for registration	\$67.50 for pre-screening plus an assessment charge of \$135 after the first 30 minutes for time spent \$405 for registering	2015	To align charges with the updated base hourly rate, and make the charges more transparent by better reflecting where costs actually lie.
Replacing the current formula for determining the charge for infant formula export declarations with a specified charge rate.	Calculated by formula, currently \$23	\$33.75 per declaration plus \$135 per hour after the first 15 minutes per declaration	2018	To align this charge with official assurances and other charges using MPI's updated base hourly rate and ensure consistency in charging for similar services.

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Increasing the charge for official assurances for live animal or germplasm (currently) exports.	\$32 plus \$186.30 per hour after the first fifteen minutes	\$46.58 plus \$186.30 per hour after the first fifteen minutes	2015	To align charges with MPI's hourly rates for veterinarians.
Increasing the charge for Animal Welfare Export Certificates.	\$21.33 plus \$186.30 per hour after the first 15 minutes	\$46.58 plus \$186.30 per hour after the first fifteen minutes	2015	To align charges with MPI's hourly rates for veterinarians.
Increasing the hourly rate for circuit verifications from \$165 to \$176 per hour.	\$165 per hour	\$176 per hour	2015	This change is necessary so that increased costs of providing this service can be met and past under-recovery of costs can be recovered.
Amending unit charge rates for export of live animals and some animal germplasm.	A mixture of increases and decreases for different categories of live animal and animal germplasm		2015	An overall increase in the amount recovered is necessary so that increased costs of providing this service can be met and past under-recovery of costs can be recovered, while the allocation of costs between export categories is re-set to more equitably spread costs between export categories.
Amending provisions allowing cost recovery for approvals of official devices used in association with exports of animal products to also allow cost recovery for approvals to be a manufacturer or supplier of official devices.	Not currently recovered	\$135 per application plus \$135 per hour after the first 60 minutes	New Charge	To allow recovery of costs which provide a service that directly benefits a service user, and to align with existing charges for approvals related to official devices.

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<b>Changes that aim to simplify, clarify and improve the transparency and equity of charges</b>				
<p>Clarifying that the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines levy (ACVM levy) is payable for each registered trade name product.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>To more accurately reflect the services the levy funds and improve transparency of charges.</p>
<p>Clarifying that the animal product levy on coolstores and other storage premises includes standalone premises that store dairy products.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>To ensure that all businesses subject to the relevant standards are treated equitably.</p>
<p>Expanding the application of the levy on processors of hides and skins to include all processors of animal material/products that are not for human or animal consumption and are exported.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>To ensure that all businesses subject to the relevant standards are treated equitably.</p>

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Restructuring dairy levies:				To remove categories that no longer reflect differences in services provided, align them with updated base hourly rates, and better reflect current production and export volumes.
- remove the medium processor category	\$930	Either \$400 (if classified as a small processor) or amount calculated through a formula (if large)	2015	
- amending the definition of small processors to include those collecting less than 151,000 kilograms of milk solids annually (currently 16,500 kilograms)	N/A	N/A	2015	
- reducing the small processor levy	\$465	\$400	2015	
- amending the definition of small exporters to be exporters of less than 466,000 kilograms of dairy mass annually (currently 636,000 kilograms)	N/A	N/A	2015	
- reducing the small exporter levy.	\$310	\$200	2015	

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<b>Changes to simplify and improve the administration and operation of cost recovery</b>				
Simplifying the process for amending the rates of the ACVM levy and wine export levy by allowing updates to be made by the Director-General in line with a formula without changing regulations, provided those changes are consulted on and rates remain below specified thresholds.	N/A	N/A	Both levies last updated 2015	To significantly reduce the cost and time it takes to change levy rates.
Extending the power MPI and territorial authorities have to waive, exempt, or refund charges under the Food (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2015 beyond their current expiry on 30 June 2019.	N/A	N/A	Powers to waive, exempt or refund were introduced in 2015	This is necessary to ensure that there is an ability not to charge where it would be inappropriate to.
Introducing a charge for providing services related to market access to the non-dairy animal product cost recovery regulations.	N/A	\$135 per hour	N/A	To align charging for non-dairy animal product cost recovery with dairy animal product cost recovery, and to increase transparency.
Requiring processors of shellfish to report actual rather than estimated tonnage processed in the previous month or year.	N/A	N/A	Provision of information requirements introduced in 2015	To improve the accuracy of charges and reduce administration costs.

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Requiring processors of animals that are not lambs, bobby calves, goats, sheep, pigs, cattle, horses, and deer to also report on the actual volumes of these animals processed in the previous month or year.	N/A	N/A	Provision of information requirements introduced in 2015	To improve the accuracy of charges and reduce administration costs.
Requiring processors of birds that are not ostriches, emus, and poultry to also report on actual volumes of these birds processed in the previous month or year.	N/A	N/A	Provision of information requirements introduced in 2015	To improve the accuracy of charges and reduce administration costs.

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