



Government post-entry quarantine fee increases for horse imports – Commencement date

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to notify users of a fee increase for post-entry quarantine of imported horses in government facilities. The rate of charge is being adjusted from \$196.00 per horse per day to \$262.00 per horse per day. The new fee takes effect for horses entering quarantine on or after 1 February 2013.

Background

DAFF conducted a review of expected costs associated with the horse import post entry quarantine arrangements from 2012-13 to 2014-15. The review found that the current rate of charge is insufficient to adequately fund biosecurity services. The new fee also ensures that DAFF is able to recoup under-recoveries incurred since fees were last adjusted in November 2009.

The Horse Industry Consultative Committee (HICC) and HICC Finance Sub-Committee were informed of the review and also of the need to adjust and implement the fee as soon as practicable. Both committees acknowledged the need to adjust the fee.

Implementation

The new rate of charge will apply to horses entering post entry quarantine on or after 1 February 2013, starting with the intake scheduled to commence 27 February 2013.

Horses already in post entry quarantine at 1 February 2013 will continue to be charged at the current rate of \$196.00 per horse per day.

Fee description	Current fee	New fee from February 2013
Horse quarantine charge	\$196.00 per horse per day	\$262.00 per horse per day

Further information

The Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) will be published on the DAFF website before the commencement of the new arrangements. For further information, please contact the DAFF Finance and Business Support Division on phone 02 6272 5569.