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Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Order 2010 (SR 2010/137)

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 31st day of May 2010

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 137 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council and on the recommendation of the Minister for Biosecurity, makes the following order.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Order 2010.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 July 2010.

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Order 2010: confirmed, on 27 November 2010, by section 8 of the Subordinate Legislation (Confirmation and Validation) Act 2010 (2010 No 127).

3 Interpretation

- (1) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Biosecurity Act 1993

chief executive means the chief executive of the New Zealand Customs Service

importation has the same meaning as in section 5(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018

importer has the same meaning as in section 5(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018

Joint Border Management System has the meaning given in section 302(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018

leviable importation means an importation on which a levy is payable in accordance with this order

levy means the levy imposed by clause 4

levy period—

- (a) means a period that—
- (i) begins on the day that immediately follows the end of a levy period; and
 - (ii) ends on the day notified by the Director-General under clause 11(2) that is not more than 36 months after the levy period begins; and
- (b) includes the period beginning on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2026

- (2) In this order, a term or expression that is defined in the Act and used, but not defined, in this order has the same meaning as in the Act.

Clause 3(1) **Customs computerised entry processing system**: revoked, on 24 June 2014, by clause 4(1) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) (Border Processing—Trade Single Window) Amendment Order 2014 (LI 2014/156).

Clause 3(1) **importation**: amended, on 1 October 2018, by section 443(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4).

Clause 3(1) **importer**: amended, on 1 October 2018, by section 443(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4).

Clause 3(1) **Joint Border Management System**: inserted, on 24 June 2014, by clause 4(2) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) (Border Processing—Trade Single Window) Amendment Order 2014 (LI 2014/156).

Clause 3(1) **Joint Border Management System**: amended, on 1 October 2018, by section 443(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4).

Clause 3(1) **levy year**: revoked, on 1 July 2023, by clause 4(1) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 3(1) **levy period**: inserted, on 1 July 2023, by clause 4(2) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

4 Levy imposed

- (1) A levy is imposed on all importations of goods for which an import entry has been made in a Joint Border Management System (unless an exemption from the import entry transaction fee applies under regulation 24A of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996), including—
- (a) import entries:
 - (b) simplified import entries:
 - (c) temporary import entries:
 - (d) private import declarations.

- (2) A levy is imposed on all importations of goods for which a document is lodged with the New Zealand Customs Service under regulation 26(2) of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996 (including electronic cargo information reports).

Clause 4(1): amended, on 1 October 2018, by section 443(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4).

Clause 4(1): amended, on 24 June 2014, by clause 5 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) (Border Processing—Trade Single Window) Amendment Order 2014 (LI 2014/156).

5 Importers primarily responsible for paying levy

Each levy period, all importers are primarily responsible for paying the levy.

Clause 5: amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 5 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

6 Chief executive must collect levy

The chief executive must—

- (a) collect the levy from an importer on behalf of the Director-General; and
- (b) pay the levy to the Director-General.

Provisions relating to levy year beginning with 1 July 2013

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 1 July 2018, by clause 4 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

6A Levy rate for year beginning with 1 July 2013

[Revoked]

Clause 6A: revoked, on 1 July 2018, by clause 4 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

Provisions relating to levy year beginning with 1 July 2015

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 1 July 2018, by clause 4 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

6B Levy rate for year beginning with 1 July 2015

[Revoked]

Clause 6B: revoked, on 1 July 2018, by clause 4 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

Calculating and setting levy rate

Heading: replaced, on 1 July 2018, by clause 5 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

7 Basis of calculation of levy

- (1) The levy must be calculated on the basis of dividing—
 - (a) the estimated costs incurred by the Ministry in the levy period; by
 - (b) the estimated total number of leviable importations in the levy period that—
 - (i) are required to be entered under section 75 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:
 - (ii) are deemed to have been entered under regulation 23 of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996.
- (2) In calculating the levy in respect of any levy period commencing on or after 1 July 2026 (the **new levy period**), the Director-General must take into account—
 - (a) any shortfall in recovery of costs incurred by the Ministry in the levy period immediately preceding the new levy period; or
 - (b) any over-recovery of costs incurred by the Ministry in the levy period immediately preceding the new levy period.
- (3) In this clause, **costs incurred by the Ministry** means—
 - (a) the costs of obtaining and analysing data to develop and monitor risk profiles and place alerts:
 - (b) the costs of primary screening of sea and air cargo manifests for biosecurity risk goods:
 - (c) the costs of intervention monitoring programmes, slippage surveys, and baseline auditing of the compliance of imported goods with import health standards:
 - (d) the costs of surveillance activities around sea and air ports and high-risk places related to preventing the establishment of pests and unwanted organisms that may be introduced by imported goods:

- (e) the costs of facilitating the movement of consignments away from ports approved as places of first arrival:
- (f) the costs of the 15 minutes of secondary risk assessment for consignments identified in primary screening and issuing authorisation of movement and biosecurity clearance documentation:
- (g) the costs incurred by the Director-General in administering the levy:
- (h) the costs incurred by the chief executive in collecting the levy.

Clause 7(1)(a): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(1) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(1)(b): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(2) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(1)(b)(i): amended, on 1 October 2018, by section 443(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4).

Clause 7(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(3)(a) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(3)(b) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(3)(c) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2)(a): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(4) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2)(a): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(5) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2)(b): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(4) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(2)(b): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(5) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 7(3): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 6(6) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

8 Maximum rate of levy

The maximum rate of the levy is \$50 (exclusive of goods and services tax) per leviable importation.

Clause 8: amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 7 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 8: amended, on 1 July 2015, by clause 7 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2015 (LI 2015/91).

8A Levy rate for year beginning 1 July 2018

[Revoked]

Clause 8A: revoked, on 1 July 2023, by clause 8 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

8B Levy rate for levy period beginning on 1 July 2023

- (1) The levy rate for the levy period beginning on 1 July 2023 is—

- (a) \$41.28 per leviable importation for which an inward cargo transaction fee is payable under regulation 13A(2)(a) of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996 in respect of cargo or goods carried on a ship or boat:
 - (b) \$41.28 per leviable importation for which an inward cargo transaction fee is payable under regulation 13A(2)(b) of those regulations in respect of goods or cargo carried on an aircraft:
 - (c) \$46.40 per leviable importation for which an import entry transaction fee is payable under regulation 24A of those regulations.
- (2) The levy rates in subclause (1) are exclusive of goods and services tax.

Clause 8B: inserted, on 1 July 2023, by clause 9 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

9 Director-General must fix levy rate for subsequent levy periods

- (1) The Director-General must fix the actual rate of levy for each levy period beginning on or after 1 July 2026 after consulting, if he or she proposes to increase the rate of levy, those persons whom he or she considers to be representatives of importers likely to be substantially affected by the levy.
- (2) The levy is exclusive of goods and services tax.

Clause 9: replaced, on 21 June 2013, by clause 6 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2013 (SR 2013/273).

Clause 9 heading: replaced, on 1 July 2018, by clause 8(1) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91).

Clause 9 heading: amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 10(1) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 9(1): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 10(2) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 9(2): amended, on 1 July 2015, by clause 8(2) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2015 (LI 2015/91).

10 Rate if no rate fixed before beginning of levy year

[Revoked]

Clause 10: revoked, on 1 July 2023, by clause 11 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

11 Notification of levy period and rate of levy

- (1) No notification of the rate of levy is required for the levy period beginning on 1 July 2023.
- (2) For each subsequent levy period, the Director-General must, before the beginning of a levy period, notify by notice in the *Gazette*—
- (a) the duration of the levy period; and
 - (b) the rate of levy for the levy period.

Clause 11: replaced, on 1 July 2023, by clause 12 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

General provisions

Heading: inserted, on 21 June 2013, by clause 7 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2013 (SR 2013/273).

12 When and how levy payable

- (1) The chief executive must send a written demand for the levy payable to the importer or, if another person is responsible for the importation, to that person.
- (2) The importer or the person responsible for the importation, as the case may be, must pay the levy.
- (3) The levy is payable at the same time as—
 - (a) the inward cargo transaction fee is payable, in the case of leviable importations for which that fee is payable under regulation 13A(2)(a) of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996 in respect of cargo or goods carried on a ship or boat:
 - (b) the inward cargo transaction fee is payable, in the case of leviable importations for which that fee is payable under regulation 13A(2)(b) of those regulations in respect of goods or cargo carried on an aircraft:
 - (c) the import entry transaction fee is payable, in the case of leviable importations for which that fee is payable under regulation 24A of those regulations.

Clause 12(3): replaced, on 21 June 2013, by clause 8 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2013 (SR 2013/273).

13 Purposes for which levy must be spent

All levy money paid to the Director-General must be spent on—

- (a) the costs of obtaining and analysing data to develop and monitor risk profiles and place alerts:
- (b) the costs of primary screening of sea and air cargo manifests for biosecurity risk goods:
- (c) the costs of intervention monitoring programmes, slippage surveys, and baseline auditing of the compliance of imported goods with import health standards:
- (d) the costs of surveillance activities around sea and air ports and high-risk places related to preventing the establishment of pests and unwanted organisms that may be introduced by imported goods:
- (e) the costs of facilitating the movement of consignments away from ports approved as places of first arrival:
- (f) the costs of the 15 minutes of secondary risk assessment for consignments identified in primary screening and issuing authorisation of movement and biosecurity clearance documentation:
- (g) the costs incurred by the Director-General in administering the levy:

- (h) the costs incurred by the chief executive in collecting the levy.

14 Consultation on how levy spent

- (1) The Director-General must, before the beginning of each levy period (except the levy period beginning on 1 July 2023), consult persons he or she considers to be representatives of importers likely to be substantially affected by the levy on how the levy money is to be spent.
- (2) However, subclause (1) does not apply to levy periods beginning on or after 1 July 2026, unless the Director-General proposes to make significant changes to the way in which the levy money is to be spent during those periods.
- (3) The Director-General must use the following process to consult the representatives of importers:
- (a) he or she must send to the representatives a proposed budget for the levy period's expenditure; and
- (b) he or she must give the representatives an opportunity to make submissions to him or her on the proposed budget.

Clause 14(1): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 13(1)(a) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 14(1): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 13(1)(b) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 14(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 13(2)(a) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 14(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 13(2)(b) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 14(3)(a): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 13(3) of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Miscellaneous

15 Records

- (1) The Director-General must, for each levy period, keep records of—
- (a) the rate at which the levy was collected; and
- (b) each amount of levy money paid to him or her by the chief executive; and
- (c) how the levy money was spent.
- (2) The chief executive must, for each levy period, keep records of—
- (a) each amount of levy money paid to him or her and the person who paid the amount; and
- (b) the amounts paid to the Director-General and the dates of the payments.
- (3) The Director-General or the chief executive, as the case may be, must ensure that the records referred to in subclauses (1) and (2) are retained for 2 years after the close of the levy period to which they relate.

Clause 15(1): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 14 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 15(2): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 14 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

Clause 15(3): amended, on 1 July 2023, by clause 14 of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98).

16 Remuneration of auditors

A person appointed as an auditor under section 141B of the Act must be remunerated by the Director-General at a rate determined by the responsible Minister.

Arbitration in case of dispute

17 Appointment of arbitrator

- (1) This clause applies to a dispute about—
 - (a) whether a person is required to pay the levy; or
 - (b) the amount of the levy payable.
- (2) The parties to a dispute may agree to submit the dispute to arbitration.
- (3) If the parties are unable to agree on the appointment of an arbitrator, the arbitrator must be appointed in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- (4) For the purposes of the Arbitration Act 1996,—
 - (a) an agreement under subclause (2) is an arbitration agreement; and
 - (b) the arbitrator (whether appointed by agreement or under subclause (3)) is an arbitral tribunal.
- (5) To avoid doubt, the chief executive may be a party to a dispute.

18 Application of Arbitration Act 1996 to dispute

- (1) The provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996 (including the provisions for procedures to be followed by an arbitral tribunal) apply to the resolution of a dispute submitted to arbitration under this order.
- (2) This clause is subject to clause 17.

19 Payment of arbitration costs

The costs of the arbitration (including the arbitrator's remuneration) must, unless the parties agree otherwise, be determined under Schedule 2 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

20 Appeal to District Court

- (1) A party to a dispute who is dissatisfied with the decision made by an arbitrator may appeal to a District Court against the decision.

- (2) The appeal must be brought by the filing of a notice of appeal within 28 days after the making of the decision concerned, or within any longer time that a District Court Judge allows.
- (3) The Registrar of the District Court must—
 - (a) fix the time and place for the hearing of the appeal and notify the appellant and the other parties to the dispute; and
 - (b) serve a copy of the notice of appeal on all parties to the dispute.
- (4) Any party to the dispute may appear and be heard at the hearing of the appeal.
- (5) On hearing the appeal, the District Court may confirm, vary, or reverse the decision appealed against.
- (6) The filing of a notice of appeal does not operate as a stay of any process for the enforcement of the decision appealed against.

Revocations

21 Revocations

The following orders are revoked:

- (a) Biosecurity (Gypsy Moth Levy) Order 2004 (SR 2004/352):
- (b) Biosecurity (Risk Screening Levy) Order 2006 (SR 2006/217):
- (c) Biosecurity (Shipping Container Levy) Order 2006 (SR 2006/218).

Rebecca Kitteridge,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Notes

1 *General*

This is a consolidation of the Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Order 2010 that incorporates the amendments made to the order so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2023 (SL 2023/98)

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2018 (LI 2018/91)

Customs and Excise Act 2018 (2018 No 4): section 443(4)

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2015 (LI 2015/91)

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) (Border Processing—Trade Single Window) Amendment Order 2014 (LI 2014/156)

Biosecurity (System Entry Levy) Amendment Order 2013 (SR 2013/273)

Subordinate Legislation (Confirmation and Validation) Act 2010 (2010 No 127): section 8