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Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Amendment Regulations 2025

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Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 26th day of May 2025

Present:
Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under sections 117, 118, and 166 of the Animal Products Act 1999—

(a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and

(b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Food Safety made after being satisfied that the requirements of sections 113 and 115 of that Act have been met.

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The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

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Schedule 1 4
Part 6 of Schedule 1 replaced

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Item 1 of table in Part 7 of Schedule 1 replaced

Schedule 3 7
Items 2(2) and 3A of table in Part 8 of Schedule 1 replaced

Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Amendment Regulations 2025.

2 Commencement

(1) These regulations come into force on 1 July 2025.

(2) However,—

(a) regulation 6(1) comes into force on 1 July 2026; and

(b) regulation 6(2) comes into force on 1 July 2027.

Regulations: confirmed, on 20 December 2025, by section 7(b) of the Secondary Legislation Confirmation Act 2025 (2025 No 84).

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007.

4 Schedule 1 amended

Amendments to Part 1 of Schedule 1

(1) In Schedule 1, Part 1, item 18, replace "$46.58" with "$54.21".

(2) In Schedule 1, Part 1, revoke item 50.

Amendments to Part 2 of Schedule 1

(3) In Schedule 1, Part 2, table,—

(a) item (c), replace "186.30" with "216.84":

(b) item (d), replace "46.58" with "54.21".

Amendment to Part 6 of Schedule 1

(4) In Schedule 1, replace Part 6 with the Part 6 set out in Schedule 1 of these regulations.

Amendments to Part 7 of Schedule 1

(5) In Schedule 1, Part 7, table, replace item 1 with the item 1 set out in Schedule 2 of these regulations.

(6) In Schedule 1, Part 7, table, repeal item 3B.

Amendments to Part 8 of Schedule 1

(7) In Schedule 1, Part 8, table, replace items 2(2) and 3A with the items 2(2) and 3A set out in Schedule 3 of these regulations.

(8) In Schedule 1, Part 8, table, repeal item 3C.

(9) In Schedule 1, Part 8, table, after item 4, insert:

5	Other charges	Charge
	Failure to make use of a scheduled booking with a recognised person providing services for the export of live animals and animal germplasm without giving the Ministry prior notice of cancellation of the booking	$54.21

5 Schedule 2 amended

(1) In Schedule 2, table, item 1, replace—

(a) “$0.150” with “$0.125”:

(b) “$0.169” with “$0.142”:

(c) “$1.047” with “$0.863”.

(2) In Schedule 2, table, item 4, replace “$100” with “$102”.

6 Schedule 2 further amended

(1) In Schedule 2, table, item 4, replace “$102” with “$104.04”.

(2) In Schedule 2, table, item 4, replace “$104.04” with “$106.12”.

Schedule 1
Part 6 of Schedule 1 replaced

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Part 6
Charges for use of electronic certification system

1 For industry users that access the Ministry's electronic certification system, charges based on the following formula are payable in respect of each request:

cost per request × appropriate percentage

where—

cost per request is the amount for each request, specified from time to time by the Director-General by notice under section 167(1) of the Act for the purpose of section 117(4A) of the Act and having regard to clause 2

appropriate percentage is,—

(a) for industry users of a class for which recognised agency use of the electronic certification system is not required, 55%:

(b) for other industry users, 100%.

2 In setting any cost per request, the aim is for these costs to reflect usage of the electronic certification system for the relevant year or other period, with regular updating if appropriate.

3 This Part applies to all users of the electronic certification system.

Schedule 2
Item 1 of table in Part 7 of Schedule 1 replaced

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1	**Establishment charge**		
A	*Basic hourly charge on export and game sectors*		
	For each hour of normal time spent by a verifier in verification functions		$53.86
B	*Hourly charges for verifiers*		
(1)	Veterinary verifier—		
	(a)	non-shift rates—	
		per hour at normal time	the basic hourly charge specified in item A, plus an additional rate of $98.56 per verifier per hour working at normal time
		per hour at 1½ time	$201.70
		per hour at double time	$250.98
	(b)	shift rates	the relevant rate specified in paragraph (a), plus an additional rate of—
			(i) $45.00 per shift per verifier for evening shift
			(ii) $45.00 per shift per verifier for night shift
	(c)	penal rates	the relevant rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), plus an additional rate of—
			(i) $49.28 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 0.5
			(ii) $98.56 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 1.0
			(iii) $197.12 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 2.0
	(d)	reserve rate	the basic hourly charge specified in item A, plus an additional rate of $98.56 per hour per reserve verifier
	(e)	charges for after-hours call-outs (other than on public holidays or Ministry holidays)	$201.70 per hour per verifier working at 1½ time (plus flat rate of $8.70 breakfast shift charge, if applicable)
			$250.98 per hour per verifier working at double time (plus flat rate of $8.70 breakfast shift charge, if applicable)
	(f)	charges for after-hours call-outs (public holidays or Ministry holidays)	$152.42 per hour per verifier, plus $788.48 per day per verifier
(2)	Supervising veterinary verifier—		
	(a)	non-shift rates—	
		per hour normal time	the basic hourly charge specified in item A, plus an additional rate of $116.03

		per verifier per hour working at normal time
	per hour at 1½ time	$227.91
	per hour at double time	$285.92
(b)	shift rates	the relevant rate specified in paragraph (a), plus an additional rate of—
		(i) $45.00 per shift per verifier for evening shift
		(ii) $45.00 per shift per verifier for night shift
(c)	penal rates	the relevant rate specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), plus an additional rate of—
		(i) $58.02 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 0.5
		(ii) $116.03 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 1.0
		(iii) $232.06 per hour per verifier for penal time worked at penal rate 2.0
(d)	reserve rate	the basic hourly charge specified in item A, plus an additional rate of $116.03 per hour per reserve verifier
(e)	charges for after-hours call-outs (other than on public holidays or Ministry holidays)	$227.91 per hour per verifier working at 1½ time (plus flat rate of $8.70 breakfast shift charge, if applicable)
		$285.92 per hour per verifier working at double time (plus flat rate of $8.70 breakfast shift charge, if applicable)
(f)	charges for after-hours call-outs on public holidays or Ministry holidays	$169.89 per hour per verifier, plus $928.24 per day per verifier

Schedule 3
Items 2(2) and 3A of table in Part 8 of Schedule 1 replaced

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(2)	The relevant hourly rates are—			
	(a)	rate during standard working hours	$216.84 per hour	
	(b)	rate at time and a half	$222.69 per hour	
	(c)	rate at double time	$263.62 per hour	
	(d)	penal rates	the applicable rate specified in paragraphs (a) to (c), plus an additional rate of—	
			(i)	$58.47 per hour for penal time worked at penal rate 0.5
			(ii)	$116.94 per hour for penal time worked at penal rate 1.0
			(iii)	$233.88 per hour for penal time worked at penal rate 2.0
	(e)	after-hours call-outs (other than on public holidays or Ministry holidays)—		
		rate at time and a half	$222.69 per hour	
		rate at double time	$263.62 per hour	
	(f)	after-hours call-outs on a public holiday or Ministry holiday	$181.76 per hour, plus $654.88 per day	

3	**Minimum charges**	**Charge**
A	*Minimum charges (other than for after-hours call-outs)*	
(1)	Minimum charge payable for activities under item 2(1)(a)	$108.42
(2)	Minimum charge payable for activities under item 2(1)(b)	$216.84 for the first cat or dog being inspected, plus a further $54.21 for each additional cat or dog being inspected at the same time
(3)	Minimum charge payable for activities under item 2(1)(c)	$108.42
(4)	Minimum charge payable for activities under item 2(1)(d)	$108.42

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Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations amend the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 (the **principal regulations**). They come into force on 1 July 2025, except

for *regulation 6(1)*, which comes into force on 1 July 2026, and *regulation 6(2)*, which comes into force on 1 July 2027.

The principal regulations set out fees and charges for the performance or exercise of certain functions, powers, and duties undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Ministry for Primary Industries (the **Ministry**) under the Animal Products Act 1999 (the **Act**) and associated secondary legislation (other than fees and charges payable by dairy processors for dairy processing operations or premises). These regulations amend the rates at which the Ministry recovers costs from the animal products industry for a range of services the Ministry provides.

These amendment regulations—

- adjust fees and charges relating to the issue of official assurances under section 61 of the Act (*regulation 4(1)*):
- adjust charges relating to Ministry verification activities and rates for Ministry employees and recognised persons engaged by the Ministry in respect of work relating to live animals or germplasm (*regulation 4(3) and (5)*). Shift rates and breakfast shift charges remain unchanged for Ministry verification activities:
- adjust the minimum call-out charges for Ministry employees and recognised persons engaged by the Ministry in respect of assessments relating to the export of live animals and animal germplasm (*regulation 4(7)*). The call-out rates for after-hours call-outs remain unchanged:
- adjust the formula for calculating charges associated with using the Ministry's electronic certification system (*regulation 4(4)*):
- clarify that the fee for failing to attend a scheduled booking with a veterinarian applies to bookings with a recognised person, and move that fee to Part 8 of Schedule 1 to better reflect that the booking relates to the export of live animals and animal germplasm (*regulation 4(2) and (9)*):
- revoke the minimum call-out charge for after-hours call-outs on public holidays and Ministry holidays for verifiers, and for recognised persons carrying out activities relating to the export of live animals and animal germplasm (*regulation 4(6) and (8)*):
- adjust levies for operators that process lambs, bobby calves, sheep, and cattle wholly or partly for export (*regulation 5(1)*):
- adjust the annual levy for homekill and recreational catch service providers by annual increases of 2% for the next 3 years (*regulations 5(2) and 6*).

These regulations must be confirmed by an Act before the close of 30 June 2026. If they are not confirmed, they will be revoked on the close of that date. *See* subpart 3 of Part 5 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Cost recovery impact statement

The Ministry for Primary Industries produced a cost recovery impact statement on 27 March 2025 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this cost recovery impact statement can be found at—

- https://www.mpi.govt.nz/legal/regulatory-impact-statements/
- https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-impact-statements/

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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Amendment Regulations 2025 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation 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

Secondary Legislation Confirmation Act 2025 (2025 No 84): section 7(b)

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