



# Waiver of Fees, Charges and Levies for Animal Products

30 June 2025

## **TITLE**

Exemption, Waiver or Refund: Waiver of Fees, Charges and Levies for Animal Products

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This waiver comes into force on 1 July 2025 and expires on 30 June 2030 unless revoked earlier.

## **REVOCATION**

This waiver revokes and replaces:

- the Animal Products Exemption: Waiver of Fees, Charges and Levies for Animal Products, dated 20 September 2023.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

This waiver is issued under regulation 9 of the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 and regulation 15 of the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015.

Dated at Wellington, 30 June 2025.

(signed)

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## Introduction

This introduction is not part of the waiver, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

## Purpose

In this waiver, the Director Regulatory Support and Performance, under delegated authority from the Director-General, is exercising the power under the following empowering provisions to waive certain fees, charges and levies:

- regulation 9 of the [Animal Products \(Fees, Charges, and Levies\) Regulations 2007](#); and
- regulation 15 of the [Animal Products \(Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies\) Regulations 2015](#).

## Background

### Annual levy for dual operator butchers

This waiver provides for a full waiver of the annual levy for dual operator butchers payable under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007.

The waiver for dual operator butchers ensures that they are not charged the annual levy until the levy regime for this sector is fully implemented.

### Levy payable by operators of premises that slaughter and dress farmed Leporidae

This waiver provides for a partial waiver of the levy payable under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 under Schedule 2, item 1 of the regulations, by operators of premises that slaughter and dress farmed Leporidae.

The partial waiver for operators of premises that slaughter and dress farmed Leporidae ensures that these operators are charged more equitably.

### Fee for the Reissue of an Official Assurance

This waiver provides a partial waiver of the fees payable by exporters of animal material and animal products for the re-issue of an official assurance both under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 and the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015 where the re-issue is required by an importing country; and either:

- a) the re-issue is due to requirements not previously notified under section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999 (the Act); or
- b) the re-issue is due to the non-application of the MPI authorised person's seal, signature, or date of signature; or
- c) two or more official assurances are required to be re-issued at the same time, for the same exporter, shipment and destination, and the reason for the re-issue is identical in each case.

This waiver ensures that, in the above circumstances, exporters will pay the same amount payable for the original issue of an official assurance. The amount payable for the issue of an official assurance is substantially less than the amount payable for a re-issue of an official assurance.

### Animal Products E-cert User Charges

This waiver provides for a partial waiver of the charges payable by users of MPI's Animal Products Electronic Export Certification System, both under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 and the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015.

The main purpose of the waiver on Animal Products E-cert charges is to avoid over-recovery.

## Recognition of Person or Agency (including Laboratory)

This waiver provides for a:

- a) Partial waiver of the fees payable by recognised persons or agencies, both under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 and the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015 for renewals of recognition. This is to align the fees with the Food Act 2014.
- b) Full waiver of the annual recognition fee under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges and Levies) Regulations 2007, Schedule 1, Part 1, item 15, which aligns with the current practice of not charging this fee.

## Who should read this waiver?

This waiver should be read by:

- a) the following persons to the extent specified in Schedules 1 and 2:
  - i) dual operator butchers; and
  - ii) operators of premises that slaughter and dress farmed Leporidae; and
  - iii) exporters or processors of animal material, animal products, dairy material and dairy products; and
  - iv) recognised persons or agencies; and
- b) users of Animal Products E-cert.

## Why is this important?

To ensure operators, processors and exporters are aware of the fees, charges and levies they will incur.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
30 June 2025	Schedule 1 (last 3 rows)	Removal of partial waiver of levy payable per head for slaughtered lambs, calves, vealers, sheep and cattle for export effective 1 July 2025.
20 September 2023	Background (last heading and contents)	Added background information relating to partial waiver of the levy payable per head for slaughtered lambs, calves, vealers, sheep and cattle effective 1 October 2023
	Schedule 1 (last 3 rows)	Partial waiver of levy per head for slaughtered lambs, calves, vealers, sheep and cattle effective from 1 October 2023
14 February 2023	Background (last heading and contents)	Deleted the background information relating to partial waiver of the hourly charges payable for verification of export requirements in relation to product registration as set out in Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Animal Products Notice: China OMAR.
	Schedule 1 (last row)	Deleted the last row, which provided for a partial waiver of total cost payable for verification of export requirements in relation to product registration as set out in Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Animal Products Notice: China OMAR undertaken by MPI Recognised Agencies excluding NZFS Verification Agency (NZFSVA)
	Schedule 2 (last row)	Deleted the last row, which provided for the hourly charge payable under item 2(a) of Part 7 of the Schedule for verification of export

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		requirements in relation to product registration as set out in Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Animal Products Notice: China OMAR undertaken by MPI Recognised Agencies excluding NZFS Verification Agency (NZFSVA)
28 October 2022	Schedules	Partial waiver of total cost payable for verification of export requirements in relation to product registration as set out in Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Animal Products Notice: China OMAR undertaken by MPI Recognised Agencies excluding NZFS Verification Agency (NZFSVA)
22 June 2022	Schedule 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of partial waiver of total cost payable by large dairy processors.</li> <li>• Removal of partial waiver of total cost payable by large dairy exporters.</li> </ul>
16 September 2021	Schedule 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial waiver of total cost payable by large dairy processors.</li> <li>• Partial waiver of total cost payable by large dairy exporters.</li> </ul>
8 July 2020	Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of partial waiver of fees or charges for recognition of persons or agencies (including laboratories).</li> <li>• Addition of full waiver of fees or charges for annual recognition of persons or agencies (including laboratories).</li> </ul>
20 June 2019	Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of waiver for annual levy for hides and skins processors</li> <li>• Update of fees for the re-issue of an Official Assurance, including the update of the assessment charge applicable for live animals or germplasm</li> </ul>
22 June 2018	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amalgamation of the three waivers into one document</li> <li>• Update of effective date and addition of expiry date</li> <li>• Removal of deer waiver</li> </ul>
30 June 2015, 31 October 2016 and 11 April 2018		Three waiver documents

## **Part 1: Waiver of fees, charges and levies**

### **1.1 Waiver granted under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007**

- (1) The waiver of fees, charges, and levies set out in Schedule 1 applies in respect of the matters specified in that schedule.
- (2) Any charges payable by Animal Products E-cert users for any Animal Products E-cert transactions relating to animal material and animal products, other than dairy material and dairy products, in a given period shall be waived or refunded as a whole or in part if the waiver or refund is necessary to prevent over-recovery of Animal Products E-cert revenue.

### **1.2 Waiver granted under the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015**

- (1) The waiver of fees, charges, and levies set out in Schedule 2 applies in respect of the matters specified in that schedule.
- (2) The waiver of fees, charges, and levies set out in Schedule 2 applies on and after 1 July 2025.
- (3) Any charges payable by Animal Products E-cert users for any Animal Products E-cert transactions relating to dairy material and dairy products in a given period shall be waived or refunded as a whole or in part if the waiver or refund is necessary to prevent over-recovery of Animal Products E-cert revenue.

### **1.3 Goods and Services Tax**

- (1) The fees, charges, and levies that are payable after the waiver in Schedules 1 and 2 are exclusive of goods and services tax.

### **1.4 Definition of Leporidae**

- (1) Leporidae are defined as belonging to the family *Leporidae* which includes rabbits, hares and jackrabbits.

## Schedule 1: Waiver of fees, charges, and levies payable under the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007

Matter in respect of which fee payable is waived	Prescribed fee	Fee waived	Fee payable after waiver
Levy payable under Schedule 2 of the regulations by dual operator butchers	\$256.50 per annum	\$256.50 per annum	\$0.00 per annum
Levy payable under Schedule 2, item 1 of the Animal Products (Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2007 by operators (not being homekill providers) of premises or places which slaughter and dress farmed Leporidae.	\$0.27 per head	\$0.23 per head	\$0.04 per head
Re-issue of official assurance under item 19 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the regulations where the re-issue is due to requirements not previously notified under section 167(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purposes of section 60 of the Act.	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$371.25 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$33.75 per re-issued official assurance plus the assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 15 minutes
Re-issue of official assurance under item 19 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the regulations where the re-issue is due to the non-application of the authorised person's seal, signature, or date of signature.	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$371.25 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$33.75 per re-issued official assurance plus the assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 15 minutes
Re-issue of official assurance under item 19 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the regulations where two or more official assurances (export certificates) are required to be reissued at the same time, for the same exporter, shipment and destination and- (a) the reason for the re-issue is identical in each case; and (b) no case-specific negotiation is required between the Ministry for Primary Industries and the importing country to facilitate reissue of the official assurances	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$202.50 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours (first 2.5 hours for live animals or germplasm) as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$202.50 per reissued official assurance



<b>Matter in respect of which fee payable is waived</b>	<b>Prescribed fee</b>	<b>Fee waived</b>	<b>Fee payable after waiver</b>
Fee payable under item 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the regulations for annual recognition of agencies and persons under section 112F	\$135	\$135	\$0
Fee payable under item 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the regulations for renewal of recognition under section 112D	\$135	\$67.50	\$67.50

## Schedule 2: Waiver of fees, charges, and levies payable under the Animal Products (Dairy Industry Fees, Charges, and Levies) Regulations 2015

Matter in respect of which fee payable is waived	Prescribed fee	Fee waived	Fee payable after waiver
Re-issue of official assurance under Part 1 of the Schedule to the regulations where the re-issue is due to requirements not previously notified under section 167(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purposes of section 60 of the Act.	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$371.25 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$33.75 per re-issued official assurance plus the assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 15 minutes
Re-issue of official assurance under Part 1 of the Schedule to the regulations where the re-issue is due to the non-application of the authorised person's seal, signature, or date of signature.	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$371.25 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$33.75 per re-issued official assurance plus the assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 15 minutes
Re-issue of official assurance under Part 1 of the Schedule to the regulations where two or more official assurances (export certificates) are required to be reissued at the same time, for the same exporter, shipment and destination and- (a) the reason for the re-issue is identical in each case; and (b) no case-specific negotiation is required between the Ministry for Primary Industries and the importing country to facilitate reissue of the official assurances.	\$405.00 per official assurance plus assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$202.50 per official assurance plus any assessment charge on hourly basis after the first 3 hours as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the regulations	\$202.50 per reissued official assurance
Fee payable under Schedule Part 1 of the regulations for application for variation, or renewal, of agency or person as recognised agency or person under Part 8 of the Act.	\$135	\$67.50	\$67.50