



COST RECOVERY AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Integrated Cargo System (ICS) cost recovery system ensures that Customs charging regime is reasonable and transparent, and provides certainty of costs. The new charges came into effect with the commencement of the import component of the ICS on 12 October 2005.

The new charges are contained in the *Import Processing Charges Regulations 2006*, which are made under the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001*, and took effect on 10 May 2006.

Schedule of Integrated Cargo System cost recovery charges.

Item	Charge
Import (N10) and warehouse (N20) declaration processing charges	
Sea (electronic)	\$50.00 per declaration
Air and post (electronic)	\$40.20 per declaration
Manual documentary import and warehouse declaration charges	
Sea	\$65.75 per declaration
Air and post	\$48.85 per declaration
Periodic declaration processing charges	\$1275 per declaration
Request for cargo release (RCR) processing charge	\$9.40 per RCR
Depot licence application charge	\$3000 per application \$1500 annual fee for depots with less than 300 transactions per annum.
Depot licence variation charge	\$300 depot licence variation charge
Import declaration (N30 Warehoused goods) fee	
Electronic	\$23.20 per declaration
Documentary	\$60.00 per declaration
Manual cargo reporting charges	
Sea	\$2.60 per manifest line
Air	\$3.00 per house or straight line airway bill.

Payment options

Payments related to the import process include cost recovery charges, Customs duty, goods and services tax (GST) payments and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) service charges.

Customs has introduced an Internet option for certain charges in addition to the existing payment options available to Customs clients.

The table below indicates the payment options for the duties, taxes, fees, charges and other payments.

Transaction Type	Method of payment		
	ICS EFT	Cashier	Internet
Full import declaration	√	√	√
SAC duty/GST	√	√	√
UPEs	√	√	√
Weekly settlement	√	√	√
AQIS service charges	√		

Customs will be passing on to clients the merchant fees for credit card payments made over the Internet. The credit cards that Customs accept are Bankcard, MasterCard and Visa.

The merchants' fees are as follows:

- MasterCard 1% (+GST)
- Visa 1% (+GST)
- Bankcard 1% (+GST)

American Express payments are currently not accepted via the Internet.

For more information

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