



Important Notice – From 1 April 2026, Goods Levies are replacing Goods Fees.

What is happening

From **1 April 2026**, New Zealand Customs (Customs) and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will introduce Goods Management Levies. These will replace the existing Customs and MPI Goods Fees. The changes apply to all imports and exports to or from New Zealand.

Why these levies are being introduced

The New Zealand Government has approved these changes to:

- better reflect the cost of managing goods crossing our border
- improve fairness for feepayers and taxpayers.

For more background information, please visit the Customs webpage - [Goods Clearance Fees Review](#).

Who will be affected and when

From 1 April 2026, the new levies will affect every business importing or exporting goods to or from New Zealand.

What you need to know

These new levies are a legal requirement under government regulations.

All goods crossing New Zealand's border are subject to levies set by Customs and MPI. Customs will apply these levies when goods information is submitted by commercial importers, exporters, and their representatives, such as agents, freight forwarders, shipping lines, and airlines.

These levies recover the costs for Customs and MPI to manage goods crossing New Zealand's border, including:

- imports and exports of both high-value goods (over NZ\$1,000) and low-value goods (NZ\$1,000 or less)
- international transshipments, international mail (imports and exports), and empty shipping containers
- commercial vessels arriving in New Zealand.

Please note: These levies may affect the overall cost of importing or exporting goods to and from New Zealand.

Goods lodgements submitted to Customs before 1 April 2026 will be charged the previous goods fees.

Where to find more information about the levies

You can download all of our latest industry information packs and the Customs and MPI Quick Reference Guide for levy types and rates on this Customs webpage - [Goods Fees – 2026 changes](#).
