



---

## Commercial Vessel Levy – Notice to Customers

### 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 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 fee payers and taxpayers.

### Levies being introduced from 1 April 2026

- Low-value goods levy
- Empty container levy (sea)
- Internationally transhipped goods levy
- High-value goods levy
- UPU mail import levy (air and sea)
- Commercial vessel levy

### Commercial Vessel Levy

The Commercial Vessel Levy is one of the Goods Levies being introduced. It applies to all commercial vessels arriving in New Zealand from 1 April 2026, unless they are exempt.

### Commercial Vessel Levy charges

The Commercial Vessel Levy is split between Customs (\$3,717.00) and MPI (\$962.00). The combined rate is \$4,679.00, excluding GST.

Customs will send individual invoices per vessel visit for NZ\$4,679.00 + GST to the organisation noted in the Advance Notice of Arrival (ANA) NZCS 344 form. The ANA form has had a small change, so the person completing the form can nominate who the Commercial Vessel Levy invoice should be sent to.

Invoices will be sent twice a month, covering the first half and then the second half of the month. Payment is due 30 days following invoice date. Consolidated invoices are available on request for high-volume customers.

Commercial vessels arriving in New Zealand before 1 April 2026 will not be charged the levy.

### For more information

Check the Customs webpage to find out more about the Commercial Vessel Levy (including exemptions that apply), information on each of the levies being introduced, and the quick reference guide on all levy types and rates: [Goods Fees – 2026 changes](#).

---