

FSIS RegulationsComments

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Subject: Message from Internet User - Proposed fee increase for ALP

I reviewed the proposed increase for laboratory accreditation. The increase from \$1500 to \$4000 per category seems excessive. In fact, there was a price decrease in 1999 from \$2500 to \$1500. For our laboratory to maintain our 4 categories, the cost would increase \$10,000. We would have to carefully review income based on this accreditation. I believe the number of accredited laboratories would decrease markedly.

I realize costs are high. Is there any possibility of decreasing inspection costs by recognition of ISO 17025 accreditation of laboratories with those analyses on their scope as acceptable?