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SUBJECT: Increase Cost for User Fees

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Service

Veterinary Services

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Import and Export
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Effective October 1, 2012, Veterinary Service's National Center for Import and Export will be increasing the cost of user fees it charges for providing import and export activity services. These charges are being incremented to keep up with the increase in the cost of doing business such as but not limited to inflation, replacing equipment and maintaining databases. These are routine costs which have increased since the last user fee adjustment and which are also expected to occur over the next 5 years. User fees are also being increased to incorporate expenditures needed to maintain the current level of operations, improve service, and keep up with expanding demand for such services.

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Import and export user fees will be increased as outlined in the Final Rule of the *Federal Register*, [Docket No. APHIS-2006-01440]. This Final Rule can be found at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. To view the rule, click on "advanced search" and type in the Docket Number. User fees for processing Import Permit applications are located in Part 130.4, 130.6, and 130.8 of the rule.



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