



**20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Dear Clients,

We have been contacted by several FCL Rural Tailgate depots advising us that their costs for Rural Tailgate Inspections will be increasing by approximately \$65-75 + GST per inspection.

Who is affected:

- Only FCL customers who have rural delivery

What is a Rural Tailgate Inspection:

- Rural Tailgate inspections are only applicable for containers being delivered to areas deemed rural by quarantine. They are a compulsory external and internal quarantine inspection of the container to search for any debris that may pose threat to our environment and agriculture industry ie plant or seed material found in the container doorsill. It is the customers responsibility to ensure the supplier has cleaned out the container prior to packing.

Cost increases are a result of:

- Increasing labour costs
- General operational cost increases
- Insurance cost increases

When is the new cost increase effective:

- Effective immediately

We do not like to pass on additional costs, as we understand like all other businesses the pressures on everyone's bottom line, but these costs are beyond our control, and we are forced to pass them on.

We appreciate your understanding.

Thank you,

Auscus Team