



New Livestock Fee Changes

Livestock Identification and Commerce Act S.A. 2006 c. L-16.2

On January 1, 2009 the *Livestock Identification and Commerce Act* (LICA) came into effect. This Act was built through consultation and cooperation between government and industry and

- consolidates and modernizes the provisions of the *Brand Act*, the *Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act*, and the *Livestock and Livestock Products Act*, and
- enhances the livestock industry by legislating accepted industry practices and standardizing documentation for sales transactions and livestock transportation.

Effective January 1, 2009, the fees for inspection of livestock are:

- \$1.00 per head for cattle
- \$2.00 per head for horses
- \$10.00 per head for annual horse permits, pedigree cattle permits or rodeo and exhibition permits.

The minimum inspection fee is \$20.00 for all inspections except those for lifetime horse permits. The inspection fee for a lifetime horse permit is \$30.00.

Collection of the inspection fees

As under the previous legislation, on completion of an inspection of livestock, the owner of the livestock or the owner's agent is required to pay the prescribed inspection fees to the inspector.

Where an inspection is carried out at an inspection site, the owner and the operator of the inspection site are responsible for:

- collecting the inspection fees from the owner of the livestock, and
- paying the inspection fees to LIS within 7 days of a receipt of an invoice from LIS

A person who collects an inspection fee may deduct a 5% commission from all inspection fees paid to LIS.

Restriction of service

Where a person is or has at any time been in arrears in the payment of inspection fees, an inspector may:

- refuse to inspect that person's livestock until the outstanding inspection fees, if any, have been paid, and
- impose reasonable conditions on future inspections of that person's livestock

LIS will be developing policies with respect to the circumstances under which service will be restricted and the conditions that an inspector could impose as part of the restriction of service.