

Guam Department of Agriculture

Biosecurity Division

Proposed Increase of Permit Fees

The Guam Public Law 5 GCA §73301 “**Plant Quarantine Services**” and 5 GCA §73302 “**Creation of the Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund**” became effective on October 1, 2003. These sections of the law provide the Guam Department of Agriculture to provide and manage import and export permits, and phytosanitary permits at a Plant Inspection Station which all permits and services will be deposited into a Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund. The Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund is used to improve and maintain the services the Guam Department of Agriculture offers to importers and exporter, as well as covering utilities and supply cost. The current fee schedule and proposed changes of services is shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Current and proposed fee schedule of services for the Plant Inspection Facility.

Service	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Post entry quarantine document fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Post entry quarantine inspection fee, per hour or part thereof	\$30.00	\$30.00
Facility use fee per shipment to be reconditioned	\$20.00	\$20.00 ~ \$40.00
Destruction of confiscated agriculture commodities per pound	\$1.50	\$5.00
Certificate of origin	\$5.00	\$10.00
Certificate of quality and condition	\$5.00	\$10.00
Guam phytosanitary certificate	\$23.00	\$30.00; 30.00/1-5 pieces or < 10 lbs.; or \$65 > 5 pieces or > 10 lbs
Import Permit for Eggs		
Fresh: Per 1000 dozen or part thereof	\$5.00	\$10.00
Balut and salted eggs: per shipment	\$10.00	\$15.00
Import Permit for Fruits and Vegetables		
Propagative materials, and other regulated items	\$10.00	\$15.00
Import Permit for Sand and Quarried Materials		
Sample products up to 50 lbs	\$20.00	\$25.00
First 1000 short tons or part thereof	\$100.00	\$100.00
For each additional 1000 short ton or part thereof	\$25.00	\$25.00

Justification:

The proposed increased in the fee schedule of services for the Plant Inspection Facility is needed to meet the rising inflation rate on Guam since 2003. The 1st quarter report from the Bureau of Statistic and Plans (2025) reported that the consumer price index (CPI) comparing 2005 and 2025 showed an increase of 110% inflation rate. The CPI in 2003 reported an average

of 82.5 and 173.7 in the 1st quarter of 2025. The Guam Plant Inspection Facility utilizes internet, printers and printing paper for permits to provide to customers, vehicle maintenance for inspections and building maintenance (e.g. trash service, water blasting, grass maintenance), which are all increasing in costs over the years. Utilities such as power and water supply to the Guam Plant Inspection has also been gradually increasing over the course of 20 years. According to a Guam Water Works article titled **“Your water rates may change. Learn more on how this affects your monthly bill”** reported basic water rates was propose to gradually increase by approximately 93% for Government and Federal from FY2024 to FY2029. The Guam Power Authority is proposing an increase in non-fuel energy charge and monthly charge for Small Government Services. The proposed changes for monthly and non-fuel charge are as follows:

- Monthly Charge: \$14.16 → \$19.50
- Non-Fuel Energy Charge;
- First 300 KWh per month: \$0.23 → \$0.347 (50% increase)
- Over 300 kWh per month: \$0.127 → \$0.168 (32% increase)

The Guam Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division shares one meter for water and power with the Guam Customs and Quarantine with multiple buildings in the compound that are within the compound area in Tiyan, Guam. In conclusion, these proposed increased fee for the Guam Plant Inspection will help cover utilities, supplies, building maintenance, and rising inflation rate over the next 5 years.