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Via email: costrecovery@agriculture.gov.au

I am pleased to provide the following submission on behalf of the Australian Seed Federation on the Draft Cost Recovery Implementation Statement - Biosecurity

The Australian Seed Federation is also pleased to confirm that it is interested in receiving any updates about this consultation.

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The Australian Seed Federation (ASF) is the peak national body representing the interests of Australia's sowing seed industry.

The ASF membership is commercial, diverse and includes stakeholders from all sectors of the total seed supply chain. The ASF membership also covers a diversity of geography, climate, crops and cultivars. Members of the ASF regularly import and export seed for sowing.

The ASF also represents its members internationally, as a member of the International Seed Federation (ISF) and the Asia Pacific Seed Association (APSA).

For more information on the ASF and its membership please visit www.asf.asn.au

ASF shares the genuine concern raised by its members relating to Cost Recovery Implementation Statement Consultation - Biosecurity that some members of the industry can absorb the higher costs of importing if service levels improved. However, the opposite has occurred with delays and difficulty in obtaining inspections, the lack of availability of departmental staff for guidance and to address outstanding issues. The ASF encourages the Department of Agriculture to introduce a service agreement to industry.

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