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FEES 2018 FOR FOOD PROCESSORS, DISTRIBUTORS, IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND CONTRACTORS OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS, IN FLANDERS

(VAT not included)

These fees apply to the 2018 calendar year. For companies that apply after January 1st, the contributions described in this document cover the period up to the end of the 2018 calendar year. A reduction is offered to companies that join after September 1st.

1. Companies with an organic turnover of less than EUR 125 540

A fixed amount of € 955 is charged annually to these companies.

In this fixed amount however, the following matters are not included:

- Export certificate
- Additional site

These matters are settled according to the table below.

2. Companies with an organic turnover equal to or exceeding EUR 125 540

The amount is based on the complexity of the case. In order to calculate the total contribution, a number of parameters are taken into account:

Parameter	Contribution	Applies to:
Number of sites	€ 830 per site Contribution per additional location: -Storage of pre-packaged products: € 212 -Simple processing: € 306 -Other activities: € 500	All companies
Number of organic final products	€ 44 per product	All companies with the exception of distributors of prepackaged goods.
Mixed activity: organic and non-organic.	Fixed amount of € 546	All companies engaging in mixed activity
Distribution of non pre packed goods	Fixed amount of € 437	Distributors of non pre packed goods
Import activity	Fixed amount of € 600	importers and first consignees
Export certificate	€ 37 per requested certificate	
Volume sold (organic)	0,109% of organic turnover up to € 2,000,000 0,033% of organic turnover between € 2,000,000 and € 20,000,000 0,011% of organic turnover above € 20,000,000	all companies

- “Site” means each location TÜV NORD INTEGRA can visit to complete the annual inspection in its entirety.
- The contribution per additional location depends on the executed activity:
 - Storage of pre-packaged products: the site merely stores and distributes pre-packaged and labeled products
 - Simple processing: the processing is limited to preparation with or repackaging of 1 ingredient (slaughtering, or squeezing juice)
 - The activities that do not fall under the two above categories belong to “other activities”
- Contractor: a company that perform an operation on an organic product as a sub-contractor for a certified company without ever owning this product. A contractor can choose to apply for organic certification on an autonomous basis (invoicing according to these tariffs) or to apply via its client.
- If you work with a contractor who did not apply autonomously at an inspection body but who wants to be certified via your application, this is considered as an additional site.
- “Organic final products”: when calculating the contribution, 2 products are deemed different when they have a different recipe or a different manufacturing procedure (two items sharing the same recipe and the same manufacturing procedure, but having different weights or labels are considered as one end product.)
- “Mixed activity” means that one and the same company engages in an activity (such as processing, distribution, import, export or storage) for both organic and non-organic products.
- “Distribution of bulk goods” means a distributor purchasing goods that are not prepackaged and selling these products without changing the product, the packaging or labeling in any way; as defined in art 1.14 of the Flemish Government Decree of 20/02/2009.
- “Import activity” means an activity as importer or as first consignee as defined in the EC Regulation 889/2008, art 2.
- “Import authorization” means each request for import authorization to import equivalent products as mentioned in the EC Regulation 1235/2008 art. 19.1
- “Volume sold (organic)” means the turnover per calendar year, realised with sales of organic products and/or the activity performed in any part of the production, processing or distribution of organic products.

Example:

A processor processing both organic and non-organic products, having 1 site, 5 organic end products and an organic sales of € 150,000 will contribute:

$$830 + 5 \times 44 + 546 + 0.109\% \times 150,000 = € 1\,759,5$$

Payment terms and general conditions

The total contribution per year will be calculated in 2 phases. In January, the minimum contribution of € 939 will be billed. Thereafter, based on the data supplied to TÜV NORD INTEGRA using the form for determining the contribution, a settlement will be calculated for the past year and an estimated advance payment for the current year. For a new company, TÜV NORD INTEGRA will ask for the sales achieved in the course of the 1st year.

These fees include for instance :

- inspection visits on site
- travel expenses for the inspection
- expenses of taking samples and analysis thereof
- issuance of business certificates
- answering questions by mail and by telephone
- certification of new products
- keeping you up to date on changes related to the standard
- follow up of your file.

Supplementary inspections

The contribution can increase if supplementary inspections are necessary:

- when the inspection is complicated by :
 - * rooms that were not accessible
 - * unavailable or poorly maintained accountancy
 - * serious non-conformities that were determined
- when the result of an analysis confirms an abnormal state
- when according to the official sanction policy, a warning is given for a specific non-conformity.

The cost of supplementary inspections will be charged at a rate of € 1 310 per day on site, including travel expenses. Necessary additional analysis costs are charged separately.