

2017 Rates for processors, wholesalers, importers and subcontractors Walloon Region and Brussels-Capital Region (prices excl. VAT)

These rates apply to the 2017 calendar year. For companies that come under inspection after 1 January, the contributions described in this document cover the period up to the end of the 2017 calendar year. A reduction is granted for companies that joined after 1 September.

"Organic turnover" refers to the turnover per calendar year of the products which are sold as organic, and which fall under the provisions of EC regulation 834/2007. Hereinafter, these products shall be referred to as "Organic end products".

"Organic end products": when calculating the contribution, 2 products shall be deemed to be different if they have a different method of preparation or manufacturing process. (Two articles with the same method of preparation and the same manufacturing process, but with different weights or labels, only constitute one organic end product.)

"Location" is understood to mean each place where TÜV NORD INTEGRA needs to make an inspection visit so as to be able to complete the annual inspection in its entirety.

1. Companies with an organic turnover lower than EUR 126,645

A fixed amount of EUR 854 is charged annually to these companies with only one, single location. In certain cases for a small company with only 1 location, this amount can be reduced to EUR 634 per year for the first two calendar years.

2. Processors with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

- 0.352% on the part of the organic turnover up to EUR 1,250,000
- 0.176% on the part of the organic turnover between EUR 1,250,000 and EUR 6,250,000
- 0.106% on the part of the organic turnover between EUR 6,250,000 and EUR 15,000,000
- 0.061% on the part of the organic turnover between EUR 15,000,000 and EUR 25,000,000
- 0.035% on the part of the organic turnover above EUR 25,000,000.

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

- * 150 units for collecting general company details
- * 100 units for every other location of the same company (counting from the second location on) where organic production takes place.
- * 15 units per organic end product.
- * 10 units per ingredient of organic origin.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case. If a company, in the same production unit, uses one or more ingredients in both organic and non-organic versions, then the sum of these units is multiplied by EUR 2.09.

3. Repackagers with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

A repackager is someone who buys products, changes the packaging, and sells the repackaged products. The process is limited to changing the packaging.

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

The organic turnover will be multiplied by a coefficient of 0.65. Next, the percentages are applied to these reduced organic turnovers as indicated for processors (see 2.1).

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

* 150 units for collecting general company details

* 100 units for every other location of the same company (counting from the second location on) where organic production takes place.

* 15 units per organic end product.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case.

If a company produces the same end product in both an organic and non-organic version per location, then the sum of these units is multiplied by EUR 2.09.

4. Importers with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

'Importer' should be understood to mean a company which imports products from non-EU countries, without further processing these products, nor packaging them.

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

The organic turnover will be multiplied by a coefficient of 0.25. Next, the percentages are applied to these reduced organic turnovers as indicated for processors (see 2.1).

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

* 150 units for collecting general company details

* 100 units for every other location of the same company (counting from the second location on) where storage of organic products takes place.

* 20 units per organic end product.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case.

5. Companies selling products under their own name with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

These are companies that buy completely packaged, pre-certified products, leave the packaging as is, and then sell them in packaging where only the name of their company is indicated, not the company that produced the product.

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

The organic turnover will be multiplied by a coefficient of 0.25. Next, the percentages are applied to these reduced organic turnovers as indicated for processors (see 2.1).

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

* 150 units for collecting general company details

* 15 units per organic end product.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case.

6. Distributors of products in unsealed packaging without product repackaging with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

The distributor of products in unsealed packaging buys products in unsealed packaging and sells the same products without changing the product or the packaging.

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

The organic turnover of the bulk products or the products in unsealed packaging is multiplied by a coefficient of 0.5. Next, the percentages are applied to this reduced organic turnover as indicated for the processors (see 2.1)

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

* 150 units for collecting general company details

* 100 units for every other location of the same company (counting from the second location on) where organic production takes place.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case.

If a company produces the same end product in both an organic and non-organic version per location, then the sum of these units is multiplied by EUR 2.09.

7. Wholesalers/traders of pre-packaged products with an organic turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645

These are companies that do not change the packaging nor the labelling of the product, but simply trade or distribute these products (these companies do not sell the packaged products directly to the end consumer).

This contribution is the total of 2 parts: one part based on the organic turnover and the other part based on the complexity of the case. In each case, the minimum contribution is EUR 854.

1. The part based on the organic turnover

The organic turnover will be multiplied by a coefficient of 0,15. Next, the percentages are applied to these reduced organic turnovers as indicated for processors (see 2.1).

2. The part based on the complexity of the case

A system of 'units' is incorporated.

* 150 units for collecting general company details

* 100 units for any other location (starting from the second location) involved in organic activity.

The sum of these units is then multiplied by EUR 1.71 to obtain the part of the contribution based on the complexity of the case.

8. Subcontractors

The subcontractor: someone who does not buy raw materials himself, but applies a certain processing procedure to these raw materials or stores products on request by a third party. Subcontractors only invoice for contract work.

A fixed contribution of EUR 491 is charged to subcontractors with a contract work turnover below EUR 16,500.

A fixed contribution of EUR 634 is charged to subcontractors with a contract work turnover above EUR 16,500, but below EUR 126,645.

The following rates are charged to subcontractors with a contract work turnover larger than or equivalent to EUR 126,645:

- under point 2 in the event the subcontractor processes the raw materials
- under point 3 in the event the subcontractor repackages the products.
- under point 6 in the event the subcontractor stores bulk products.
- under point 7 in the event the subcontractor stores pre-packaged products.

9. Payment terms and general conditions

The total contribution per year will be calculated in 2 phases. In January, the minimum contribution will be invoiced. Thereafter, based on the data supplied to TÜV NORD INTEGRA, a summary of charges will be made using the form for determining the contribution for the past year and the estimated advance payment for the current year. For a new company, TÜV NORD INTEGRA will ask for the turnovers achieved over the course of the 1st year.

For a company with various processing activities, the respective rates are applied to each of these activities separately.

These rates include, inter alia:

- inspection visits on site
- travel expenses for the inspection
- sampling and analysis costs
- issuance of a business certificate
- answering questions by mail and by telephone
- handling new products and methods of preparation
- keeping market participants up to speed on changes related to legislation
- following up the case.

10. Supplementary inspections

The contribution can increase if supplementary inspections are necessary:

- if the inspection is hindered because:
 - * premises were not accessible
 - * accounting information was unavailable or poorly maintained
 - * serious non-conformities were identified
- if a positive analysis result is confirmed during a contradictory sampling
 - if, in accordance with sanctions regulations, a warning is issued for an identified non-conformity.

The cost of supplementary inspections will be charged at a rate of EUR 53.64 per half hour on site, including travel costs (within Belgium) and EUR 37.01 per half hour at the office. Analysis costs are charged separately as needed.