
Fees 2021 for food processors, distributors, importers, exporters and contractors of organic products in Flanders

1. Companies with an organic turnover of less than € 130,000

A fixed amount of € 995 is charged annually. Only additional sites or export certificates will be invoiced according to the table below.

2. Companies with an organic turnover equal to or exceeding EUR 130,000

The amount is based on the complexity of the file. In order to calculate the total annual contribution, the following parameters are taken into account.

Parameter	Contribution	Applies to
<i>Number of sites</i>	€ 865 for the first or only site Contribution per additional location: > Storage of prepackaged products: € 220 > Simple processing: € 318 > Other activities: € 520	all companies
<i>Number of organic end products</i>	€ 45 per product	all companies with the exception of distributors of prepackaged goods
<i>Mixed activity (organic and non-organic)</i>	Fixed amount of € 570	all companies with a mixed activity
<i>Distribution of non-pre-packaged goods</i>	Fixed amount of € 450	distributors of non-prepackaged goods
<i>Import activity</i>	Fixed amount of € 625	importers and first consignees
<i>Volume sold (as organic)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<i>Export certificate</i>	€ 38 per requested certificate	exporters to non EU countries

Explanation of these parameters	
<i>Site</i>	Each location TÜV NORD Integra has to visit to complete the annual inspection in its entirety.
<i>Additional site</i>	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 (for example: slaughtering, squeezing juice).
	Other activities: activities that do not fall under the two above categories
<i>Organic end products</i>	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).
<i>Mixed activity</i>	One and the same company engages in an activity (such as processing, distribution, import, export or storage) for both organic and non-organic products.
<i>Distribution of bulk goods</i>	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.
<i>Import activity</i>	An activity as importer or as first consignee as defined in the EC Regulation 889/2008, art 2 for goods imported from a third country outside the EU.
<i>Volume sold (as organic)</i>	The turnover per calendar year, realized with the sales of organic products and/or the activity performed in any part of the production, processing or distribution of organic products.

Example of a calculation

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:

$$€ 855 + 5 \times € 45 + € 560 + (0.109\% \times € 150,000) = € 1,803.5$$

Certification of contractors

A company that performs 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 autonomously (invoicing according to the above mentioned tariffs) or apply via its client.
- In case you work with a contractor that did not join an inspection body autonomously, and wants to be certified under your registration, the contractor's location will be considered as an additional site.

Payment terms and general conditions

These fees apply to the current calendar year 2021. VAT is not included in the above mentioned prices.

For companies applying after January 1st, the contributions described in this document cover the period until the end of the calendar year. A reduction is offered to companies joining after September 1st.

The total contribution per year will be calculated in 2 phases. In the first trimester, the minimum contribution of € 995 will be billed. Afterwards, based on the data supplied to TÜV NORD Integra using the form for determining the contribution, a settlement will be calculated for the previous year and an estimated advance amount for the current year. For a new company, TÜV NORD Integra can ask for the turnover figures estimated 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 for example: rooms that were not accessible, unavailable or poorly maintained accountancy
- When the result of an analysis confirms an abnormal state
- When a non-compliance leads to a warning or worse according to the official sanction policy

The cost of supplementary inspections will be charged at a rate of € 177,40 per hour on-site, including travel expenses (minimum 0,5 hour). Supplementary inspections for which an on-site visit is not necessary, will be charged at a rate of € 121,- per hour. In case necessary, additional analysis costs are charged separately.