

## Rates 2025 Organic production for companies with activities in preparation, distribution, storage, import or export in the Walloon Region<sup>i</sup>, Brussels and G.D. Luxembourg

The minimum contribution of **€ 1022** is charged at the beginning of each calendar year. A settlement is always made for each company according to the parameters in the tables below. The minimum contribution can be reduced in a number of cases as described below.

- > For a start-up company with only one establishment to be inspected: **€ 958** per year during the first 2 years
- > For processing companies with a turnover not exceeding € 18 606: **€ 446** per year  
→ *The processing activity does not involve repackaging or labelling.*
- > For distributing companies with a turnover not exceeding € 74 424: **€ 706** per year  
→ *The company has only one establishment to be inspected and a maximum of 10 suppliers/year.*

The calculation of the final contribution according to a settlement consists of two parts:

- 1) a part based on the complexity of the case
- 2) a part based on the volume of the organic activities, determined on the basis of the annual turnover figure related to the certified organic activities

The categories of your activities determine the parameters used in the calculation based on the complexity of your case and organic turnover. A settlement invoice is sent only when the amount from this calculation exceeds the minimum contribution.

1) Part based on the complexity of the file			
Parameters	100% organic	Mixed activity	Applicable for :
<i>Fixed contribution (150 units**)</i>	€ 387	€ 474	All companies
<i>Additional sites (100 units**)</i>	€ 258	€ 316	All companies
<i>Organic product* (15 units**)</i>	€ 38,70	€ 47,40	Products with processing or import activity
<i>Organic ingredients* (10 units**)</i>	€ 25,80	€ 31,60	Processor
<i>Audit subcontractor</i>	€ 437		All companies

2) Part based on the organic turnover	
The organic turnover will be reduced by multiplying with the coefficients below per activity:	
Processor or storage company	n/a
Repackager	0,65
Private label holder	0,25
Distributor of bulk products	0,5
Distributor of pre-packaged goods	0,15
Importer	0,25
Afterwards this part of the contribution is calculated as a percentage per bracket of this organic turnover :	
up to € 1.860.597	0,332 %
from € 1.860.597 to € 9.302.985	0,166 %
from € 9.302.985 to € 22.327.163	0,1 %
from € 22.327.163 to € 37.211.939	0,058 %
above € 37.211.939	0,033 %

\* For preparation activities, excluding repackaging and labelling activities, the contribution on the number of organic products and ingredients is limited to a maximum of 50% of the contribution on the organic turnover figure.

\*\* A quantity of units is assigned to each parameter. The cost of a unit for a company with 100% organic activities is € 2,58, for a mixed activity it is €3,16.

Definition of the activity categories	
<i>Processor</i>	Operator processing organic ingredients and selling their products as processed or semi-finished products, including preservation activities.
<i>Repackager</i>	Operator purchasing products, changing the packaging, and selling the repackaged products. The process is limited to changing the packaging.
<i>Importer</i>	Operator importing products from non-EU countries, without further processing these products, nor packaging them.
<i>Private label holder</i>	Operator purchasing completely packaged, pre-certified products, leave the packaging as is, and then selling these products in packaging only indicating the company brand name, without mentioning the producer.
<i>Distributor of bulk products</i>	Operator purchasing products in unsealed packaging / bulk and selling the products without changing the product or the packaging.
<i>Distributor of pre-packaged goods</i>	Operator purchasing pre-packaged product without changing the packaging nor the labelling of the product. The products are sold B2B.
<i>Subcontractor</i>	Company processing organic products or storing them on request by a third party. The company never owns the products or ingredient, nor sells the products. Subcontractors only invoice the contract work.
<i>Storage company</i>	Company storing organic products for other companies.

Other definitions	
<i>Organic turnover</i>	The turnover per calendar year of the products which are sold as organic, and which fall under the provisions of EC regulation 2018/848.
<i>Mixed activity (parallel production)</i>	Preparing, distributing, importing, exporting or storing organic and non-organic food products by the same company.
<i>Organic end product</i>	When calculating the contribution, 2 products shall be deemed different if they have a different recipes or manufacturing process. Two products with the same method of preparation and the same manufacturing process, but with different weights or labels, are considered as one organic end product. An imported product can either serve as an ingredient or be marketed directly as a finished product. For imported products that serve as ingredients for own production, this is only invoiced as an organic product.
<i>Site</i>	Each location TÜV NORD Integra needs to inspect to complete the annual inspection.
<i>Audit subcontractor</i>	An additional inspection for a subcontractor carrying out organic activities for you, where the subcontractor does not have its own organic certification. The activities remain under your responsibility.

## Payment terms and general conditions

These rates are applicable in the 2024 calendar year. All prices are VAT excluded.

For companies applying for organic certification after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the contributions described in this document cover the period until the end of the 2024 calendar year. A reduction is foreseen for companies with a first inspection after the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

The total contribution per year will be calculated in 2 phases. In the beginning of the calendar year, the minimum contribution will be invoiced. Thereafter, based on the information transferred to TÜV NORD Integra, a settlement will be invoiced using the form for determining the contribution for the past year and the estimated advance payment for the current year. The contribution can be adjusted as a consequence of this evaluation. For a new company, TÜV NORD Integra can ask the estimated turnovers over the course of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- General follow up of the file

### Supplementary inspections

The contribution can increase if supplementary inspections are necessary:

- When, in accordance with sanctions regulations, a warning is issued for an identified non-conformity (tightened inspection)
- When a positive analysis result is confirmed during a contradictory sampling or a sample has to be taken in case of import of certain products according to EU guidelines
- When the inspection is hindered f/e in case: premises were not accessible, accounting information was unavailable or poorly maintained, serious non-conformities were identified
- Obligatory sampling inspections for import purposes

The cost of supplementary inspections will be charged at a rate of **€ 52 per half hour (minimum) on site**, including travel costs. Supplementary inspections for which an on-site visit is not required **€ 40 per half hour (minimum)** will be charged. Analysis costs are charged separately as needed.

<sup>i</sup> AGW: Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 13/10/2022 relatif à la production biologique et à l'étiquetage des produits biologiques et abrogeant l'arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 11 février 2010 concernant le mode de production et l'étiquetage des produits biologiques

