



Schedule of Fees for the European Ecolabel as of 1 January 2025

Awarding of the European Ecolabel (EU Ecolabel)

Introduction

On 23 March 1992, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Community approved a regulation on a Community ecolabel award scheme for the certification of products meeting particularly high environmental standards, last amended by Regulation (EU) 66/2010 of 25 November 2009 (L 27/1).

RAL gGmbH was tasked with awarding the EU Ecolabel in the Federal Republic of Germany in accordance with the agreement between RAL gGmbH and UBA (German Environment Agency).

To cover the costs of the Competent Bodies in the EU Member States, provisions for the charging of fees have been attached in accordance with Article 9 (4), Annex III, of Regulation (EU) 66/2010, last amended by Regulation (EU) 782/2013 of 14 August 2013.

These provisions were transposed into a "Schedule of Fees" approved by mutual agreement between UBA and RAL gGmbH.

Hence, the following Schedule of Fees applies:

Article 1 Application fee

- (1) The applicant shall pay €1,800 plus VAT per application to RAL gGmbH when applying for the granting of the right to use the EU Ecolabel on the product(s)/service(s) in question.
- (2) In the case of small and medium-sized enterprises (as defined by Recommendation 2003/361/EC) or enterprises in developing countries, the application fee shall be €600 plus VAT each.
- (3) In the case of micro-enterprises (as defined by Recommendation 2003/361/EC), the application fee shall be €250 plus VAT.
- (4) The application fee shall be reduced by 30% for applicants registered under EMAS. The fee shall be reduced by 15% for ISO 14001 certified applicants. Discounts are not cumulative, i.e. they cannot be combined. The higher discount shall apply.
- (5) If the licence holder applies for an extension of the right to use the EU Ecolabel to products/services entitled to use the EU Ecolabel which are to be marketed under a different trade name and/or a different marketing organisation, the application fee shall be reduced by 50%.
- (6) In the case of an application for a minor modification to a product/service that has already been awarded with the EU Ecolabel, the respective application fee shall be reduced by 50%.



Article 2 Annual fee

- (1) If, as a result of the application, RAL gGmbH grants the right to use the EU Ecolabel, the applicant shall pay an annual fee to RAL gGmbH for the term of the contracts on the use of the EU Ecolabel to be concluded.
- (2) The annual fee relates to a 12-month period commencing on the day the EU Ecolabel is awarded to the applicant.
- (3) The annual fee shall be 0.15% of the annual value of Community-wide sales of the EU ecolabelled product/service. For services “Campsite services” and “Tourist accommodation services”, the annual fee shall be 0.075% of the annual value of Community-wide sales.
- (4) The minimum annual fee shall be €300 plus VAT per contract. No fee lower than this shall be admissible. The maximum annual fee per calendar year shall be €25,000 plus VAT per product group per licence holder.
- (5) The annual sales shall be calculated in Euro on the basis of ex-factory prices if the product that has been awarded the EU Ecolabel is a good. In the case of services, the fee shall be calculated on the basis of invoice prices.
- (6) In the case of small and medium-sized enterprises, micro-enterprises or enterprise in developing countries applying for the EU Ecolabel, the annual fee shall be reduced by 25% (this does not apply to the minimum fee).

Article 3 Fixing of the Fee

- (1) Upon submitting the application, the applicants shall provide RAL gGmbH with a self-estimate of the sales for the annual period of label use and pay the resulting amount upon receipt of the invoice.
- (2) If there is a change in the annual sales value of the EU Ecolabelled products/services, the modification must be announced one month in advance before the end of the relevant contract year. The fee for the following year will be calculated on this basis.
- (3) RAL gGmbH shall be entitled to request evidence of the aforementioned annual sales.
- (4) If a licence holder refuses to provide the information required under Article 3 (1) and (2), RAL gGmbH will fix a binding annual fee amount.
- (5) If the EU Ecolabel is used for less than one year, the fee is calculated in twelfths of the amount stated in Article 2.

Article 4 Verification procedure

Neither the application fee nor the annual fee includes expenses payable by the applicant for the inspection and assessment of conformity with the EU Ecolabel criteria. These expenses shall be borne by the applicant themselves. They also include the costs of on-site inspections required to verify compliance with the criteria.