



Schedule of Fees for the European Ecolabel as of 01.01.2014

Award of the European Ecolabel (EU Ecolabel)

Introduction

On 23 March 1992, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Communities 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 under the agreement between RAL gGmbH and UBA (Federal Environmental Agency).

To cover the costs of the competent bodies in the EU member states provisions for the charging of fees have been attached according to 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 shall apply:

Article 1 Application Fee

- (1) The applicant shall pay € 1,200 per application to RAL gGmbH when applying for the transfer 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 applying for the EU Ecolabel, the application fee shall be € 600 each.
- (3) In the case of micro-enterprises (as defined by Recommendation 2003/361/EC) the application fee shall be € 250.
- (4) The application fee shall be reduced by 30 percent for applicants registered under EMAS. The fee shall be reduced by 15 percent for ISO 14001 certified applicants. Discounts are not cumulative, i.e. they cannot be combined. The higher discount shall apply.
- (5) If an applicant 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 organization the application fee shall be reduced by 50 percent.
- (6) In the case of an application for a minor modification to a product/service that has already been awarded the EU Ecolabel, the respective application fee shall be reduced by 50 percent.



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 with the day the EU Ecolabel is awarded to the applicant.
- (3) The annual fee shall be 0.15 percent 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 per contract. No fee lower than this € 300 shall be admissible. The maximum annual fee per calendar year shall be € 25,000 per product group per applicant.
- (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 enterprises in developing countries applying for the EU Ecolabel, the annual fee shall be reduced by 25 percent each (this shall not apply to the minimum fee).

Article 3 Fixing of the Fee

- (1) Upon filing the application, the applicants shall provide RAL gGmbH with a self-estimate of the sales value during the annual period of label use and transfer 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 treaty year. The fee of the following year will be calculated on this basis.
- (3) RAL gGmbH shall be entitled to ask for evidence of the above-mentioned annual sales value.
- (4) If an applicant 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 shall be calculated in twelfths of the amount given in Article 2.

Article 4 Verification Procedure

Neither application fee nor annual fee includes expenses payable by the applicant for inspection and assessment of conformity with the EU Ecolabel criteria.



These expenses shall be borne by applicant. They also include the costs of on-site inspections required to verify compliance with the criteria.