

Fee structure for the EU Ecolabel in the Netherlands (valid from 1-1-2024)



Company size	Annual contribution per product group	Additional information
Standard ¹ (250 or more employees)	0,15% turnover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On request of the <i>Competent Body</i>, the annual turnover must be reported to SMK in Q1 of the following fiscal year. Annual turnover is determined based on total sales value of production of certified products covered by the EU Ecolabel certificate and contract, not based on products sold with the EU Ecolabel. If the EU Ecolabel contract takes effect after the first month of the calendar year, the annual contribution for the first calendar year is calculated pro rata to the number of months, with a minimum of 3 months. The pro rata rule does not apply if the annual contribution on annual basis is higher than the established minimum⁴. When the EU Ecolabel contract is canceled during the calendar year and the contract expires - with due observance of the applicable three-month notice period - before the last month of the year, the annual contribution is calculated pro rata to the number of months, with a minimum of 50% of the annual contribution on annual basis. This does not apply if the annual contribution on annual basis is higher than the established minimum⁴. In addition to the turnover statement, the license holder must provide the necessary information for billing, such as purchase numbers, billing addresses and/or portals. In case of no response on the request to declare the annual turnover, license holders will receive a reminder after 4 weeks and a second reminder 2 weeks after that. If no turnover is reported 2 weeks after the second reminder, the maximum annual contribution will be charged. The <i>Competent Body</i> may request additional information regarding the declaration of turnover or may undertake investigative actions through a third party. The license holder is responsible for the correct financial reporting of the annual turnover. Invoiced amounts are based on SMK's fee structure and reimbursements/refunds will not be granted.
	minimum € 2.000 maximum € 12.500	
SME ^{1,2} (10-249 employees) or developing countries	25% SME-discount on 0,15% = 0,1125% turnover	
	minimum € 1.000 maximum € 7.500	
Micro ^{1,3} (less than 10 employees)	50% micro-discount on 0,15% = 0,075% turnover	
	minimum € 500 maximum € 5.000	

Company size	Application fees per product group		Additional information
	30% EMAS discount 15% ISO 14001-discount 30% EMAS- and ISO-discount	On the following amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application fees apply to any new application, including applications for private labels, and will be charged when an application dossier is submitted. A new application may comprise of multiple products within the same product group. Application fees apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to an application to expand an existing license, for example with a new product or recipe. for reapplications for certification due to revised criteria. to substantial changes and/or supplements to an existing product dossier. No application fees apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to limited changes and/or supplements to an existing product dossier, for example a change related to a minimum amount of ingredients in a recipe (ingredient chemical/functional substitutes), a change to the packaging, or additional packaging sizes, adding new products to a license based on licensed formulations. What constitutes to "limited" and "substantial" changes will be assessed on a case-to-case basis and is decided on by the <i>Competent Body</i>. Fees for (laboratory) tests and any checks or audits performed by third parties are not covered by the application fee; these shall be paid by the applicant. If any changes to an existing license result in a new contract and certificate a €150 administrative fee applies. These costs do not apply when an application fees is charged.
Standard ¹ (250 or more employees)	€ 2.000		
SME ^{1,2} (10-249 employees) or developing countries	€ 600		
Micro ^{1,3} (less than 10 employees)	€ 350		

¹ in accordance with Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32003H0361>

² annual turnover not exceeding € 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding € 43 million (in accordance with 2003/361/EC)

³ annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet total does not exceed € 2 million (in accordance with 2003/361/EC)

⁴ by minimum is meant the entire minimum annual amount for the calendar year for which an annual contribution must be paid

⁵ Calculation example: An SME indicates it wants to end the contract on 15-1. This means the contract runs until 15-4 due to the applicable notice period of 3 months. The SME has a turnover of € 800.000 (total sales value of production of certified products covered by the EU Ecolabel certificate/contract). Because the contract ends before 1-7, this means that 50% of the annual contribution (in this case of the minimum annual fee, because $0,1125\% \times € 800.000 = € 900$, i.e. lower than the minimum) has to be paid. In this situation, the company pays: $€ 1.000 \times 0,5 (50\%) = € 500$.