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PREFACE

This document is part of the EN*plus Handbook*, version 3 defining the rules for the EN*plus* Quality Certification Scheme for Wood Pellets. The different parts of the handbook are:

- Part 1: General
- Part 2: Certification Procedure
- Part 3: Pellet Quality Requirements
- Part 4: Sustainability Requirements
- Part 5: Scheme Organisation
- Part 6: Schedule of Fees

The current versions of the documents are published on the international website of EN*plus* [www.enplus-pellets.eu] as well as on the national website [www.pellet.org].

General information about the scheme as well as a definition of terms can be found in Part 1 – General.

This document, part 6 (version 3.0) of the EN*plus* Handbook, contains the schedule of fees for all ENplus certified/listed organisations:

- Certified Producers
- Certified Traders
- Certified Service Providers
- Listed Inspection bodies
- Listed Testing bodies

National managements may create a national schedule of fees based on this document. *Certified companies* have to follow the rules of the *Handbook* issued by the *Competent Management*.

Terms written in italic characters are defined in the section "Definitions of terms" in part 1.

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COMING INTO FORCE

The regulations defined in part 6 of the EN*plus Handbook*, version 3.0 will come into force with its publication on 1st of August 2015.

All the organisations that are already certified/listed at this point of time may continue to be active within the EN*plus* Certification Scheme under the conditions as defined in version 2.0 of the EN*plus Handbook* until 1st of January 2016.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

1 PRODUCER FEES

The license fee is \$0,20 per metric tonne (\$0.15 per metric tonne for WPAC members) of all the pellets produced (bulk pellets and bagged pellets) that are complying with the requirements of ENplus A1, ENplus A2 and ENplus B quality classes regardless whether they are sold as ENplus pellets or not. Pellets sold to power plants or for animal bedding are excluded from license payments under this scheme. The excluded amount is subject to approval by WPAC.

The annual license fee is based on the production tonnages for the calendar year. In the first year of certification, the license fee is based on the projected tonnages from the estimated date of certification. In January of each year, the license fee invoice is issued by WPAC for half of the projected tonnages for the current year submitted by the certified company. In January of the following year, the balance, the actual production tonnage less the invoiced amount, is invoiced.

The producer is responsible for the cost related to certification such as annual inspection, audit sample testing, and the overall certification process. These fees are directly charged by the concerned *Certification, Inspection and Testing Bodies*, though the fees may be combined in one invoice.

The conditions under which a producer has to be certified, and hence has to pay fees, are defined in the illustration chart below.

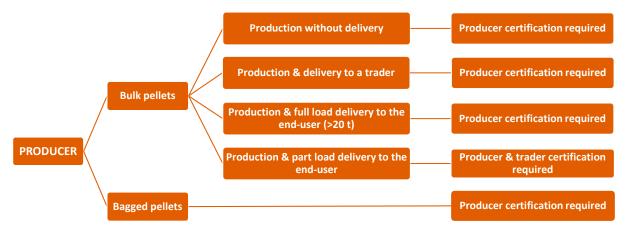


Figure 1: Overview about the need of certification for producers with different business activities

2 TRADER FEES

The license fee is \$0,20 per metric tonne (\$0.15 per metric tonne for WPAC members) of all the pellets traded (bulk pellets and bagged pellets) that are complying with the requirements of ENplus A1, ENplus A2 and ENplus B quality classes regardless whether they are sold as ENplus pellets or not. Pellets sold to power plants or for animal bedding are excluded from license payments under this scheme. The excluded amount is subject to approval by WPAC.

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The trader has to bear the additional costs related to the annual inspection and the overall certification process. These costs are directly charged by the concerned *Certification Body*.

The conditions under which a trader has to be certified, and hence has to pay fees, are defined in the illustration chart below.

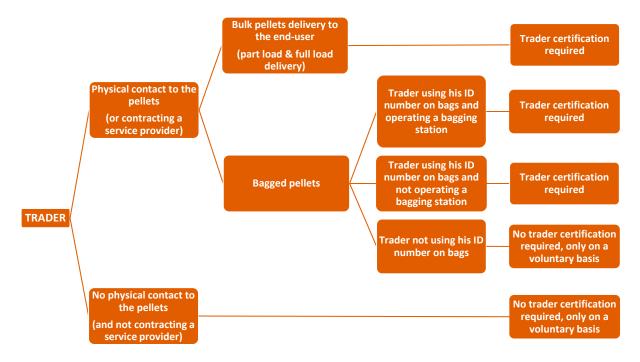


Figure 2: Overview about the need of certification for traders with different business activities

3 SERVICE PROVIDER FEES

In order to get listed, a Service Provider will be charged with an annual fee of 1.000 €.

The *Service Provider* has to bear the additional costs related to the annual inspection and the overall certification process. These costs are directly charged by the concerned *Certification Body*.

The conditions under which a *Service Provider* has to be certified, and hence has to pay fees, are defined in the illustration chart below.

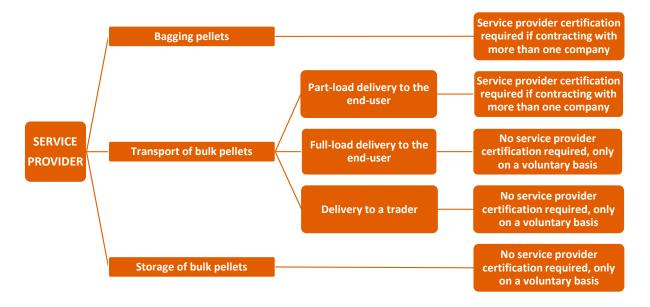


Figure 3: Overview about the need of certification for Service Providers with different business activities

4 INSPECTION BODIES

In order to get listed, an *Inspection Body* will be charged with a basic annual fee of 800 € plus 200 € for each listed inspector.

The listing of the inspections is handled by the *Licensee*.

5 TESTING BODIES

In order to get listed, a *Testing Body* will be charged with an annual fee of 500 €.

The listing of the inspections is handled by the *Licensee*.