

Scale of fees

QS scheme for fruit, vegetables, potatoes

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Supply chain fruit, vegetables, potatoes

Agricultural coordinators

Fees for scheme participation plus applicable value added tax are due for payment at the beginning of each contractual year. The fees for scheme participation cover the participation in the scheme and the administrative costs of QS. The fees for scheme participation are not reclaimable in the event the contracts are terminated by reasons the scheme participant is responsible for.

Agricultural coordinators	Annual fee (in €)
Fee per agricultural business (but at least 100 €)	15

First-line merchants

First-line merchants ¹ (annual turnover in €) ²	Annual fee (in €)
less than 1 Mio.	500
less than 5 Mio.	1.500
less than 10 Mio.	3.000
less than 20 Mio.	5.000
less than 50 Mio.	8.000
from 50 Mio.	10.000

¹ All companies, which purchase products directly from the producers and are therefore the first buyers of these products, count as first-line merchants.

² Calculation is based on the turnover a company generates with goods that are sold on the German market or other national markets, where food retailers sell QS certified products. If the company is not able to provide this evidence, the company's total turnover will be used as the basis of the calculation.

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Trading partners

Trading partners ¹	Annual fee (in €)
Lump sum (regardless of the annual turnover)	1.500

¹ Trading partners are all companies acting between first-line merchants and food retailers (e.g. marketers, intermediaries, agents). In case of purchasing products also directly from the producers, the company is a first-line merchant.

This assessment does also apply to companies handling products and performing activities such as storing, sorting or packing without owning the goods.

Preparation/Processing

Preparation/Processing ¹ (annual turnover in €) ²	Annual fee (in €)
less than 1 Mio.	500
less than 5 Mio.	1.500
less than 10 Mio.	3.000
less than 20 Mio.	5.000
less than 50 Mio.	8.000
from 50 Mio.	10.000

¹ The fees apply to companies, which are registered for the stage preparation/processing.

² Calculation is based on the turnover a company generates with the preparation and processing of fruit, vegetables and potatoes. This applies to goods that are sold on the German market or other national markets, where food retailers sell QS certified products. If the company is not able to provide this evidence, the company's total turnover will be used as the basis of the calculation. The annual fee is only to be paid once by companies participating also as first-line merchants in the QS scheme. In this case, calculation is based on the combined turnover as first-line merchant and of preparing/processing.

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Logistics

Logistics ¹ (fee will be invoiced via the certification body) ²	Annual fee (in €)
up to 3 locations	150
any additional location	50

¹ Logistics covers all services rendered in connection with the transportation and storage of goods. Logistics companies will be regarded as first-line merchants respectively trading partners, if they trade goods or perform further activities such as storing, sorting or packing products. For companies that also participate in the QS scheme at the stage storage of meat and meat products, the annual fee is only to be paid once.

² Key date for the ascertainment of the number of registered locations is the 30th September each year.

Food retail coordinators.

Food retail coordinators ¹	Annual fee (in €)
per market/branch ²	1,30

¹ Key date for the settlement is the 1st November each year.

² The annual fee is only to be paid once. This applies even if the market/branch participates in the QS scheme both in the supply chain meat and meat products as well as in the supply chain fruit, vegetables, potatoes.