

Membership Fee Regulations

SGF International e.V.



I. GENERAL

- Pursuant to § 5 (4) of the statutes, the member companies have to pay the membership fees and levies decided on by the General Assembly.
- The membership fee regulations come into effect on 6 October 2017 with the decision of the General Assembly.
- The membership fees are paid every year. The membership year is the calendar year.
- The membership fees are due when the invoice is issued. Bank charges are to be paid by the fee payer.
- If a member (ordinary or extraordinary) joins during the first half of the year, then the full annual fee shall be incurred. If membership begins during the second half of the year, the full annual fee shall only be incurred if a first audit is carried out by 31 December of the year of joining. If a first audit is not carried out by the end of the year, then only a proportional membership fee shall be incurred.
- In order to compensate for general cost increases, the Executive Committee is entitled to adjust the annual membership fees ascertained according to Fig. II at most by the average inflation rate in the EU defined on the basis of the HICP (harmonised index of consumer prices) and published by the Statistical Office of the EU Eurostat for the respective previous fee year.
- SGF is entitled to charge special membership fees to member companies in case of food law complaints. The special membership fees are to cover the actual costs incurred in case of complaints. In detail, the following costs can be charged:
 - Administration fee, flat-rate amount 500 €
 - Costs for complaint analyses: reimbursement of factual expenses
 - Costs for subsequent controls (analysis, plant inspection): reimbursement of factual expenses
- These membership fee regulations completely replace the SGF contribution order of 1 October 2013.

II. CALCULATING FEES ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP GROUP

1. Ordinary Members Pursuant to § 4 (1) of the Statutes – General

- Member companies pursuant to § 4 (1) of the SGF statutes are obliged to submit a sales volume report by the end of every year.
- The reporting period is the calendar year before last.
- If the necessary sales volume report is not received after a reminder, the sales volume will be estimated. The membership fee is then calculated and invoiced on the basis of the estimate.
- Every year, 10 ordinary members are selected by a drawing lots procedure for random verification of the sales volume reports. The companies are required to obtain official confirmation of their sales volume reports (tax consultant or auditor). If this requirement is not heeded after a reminder, the fee for the following year is calculated on the basis of a sales volume estimate amounting to 150 % of the previously reported sales volume.

II. CALCULATING FEES ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP GROUP

BOTTLER



a) Ordinary Members Pursuant to § 4 (1) a) of the Statutes – IQCS/Bottler

- The fees for bottlers pursuant to § 4 (1) a) of the statutes are calculated on the basis of the notifiable sales in EURO generated by the member company including all national subsidiaries.
- A separate membership fee becomes due for every subsidiary producing in other IQCS countries.
- The fee is calculated on the basis of the bottler's relevant sales with fruit juice, vegetable juice, fruit nectar, sweet must and other beverages based on fruit and vegetables.
- The above mentioned membership fee includes one production site run by the member company in each case. For every further production site run by the member company, an additional membership fee shall be charged amounting to a flat-rate amount of 500 € in each case. This also applies when paying the maximum fee.
- The annual membership fee for bottlers is calculated additively and based on the sales structure as follows:

Sales of up to 12 million €	0.5 ‰
Plus sales from 12 to 47 million €	+ 0.2 ‰
First production site included	
Each additional production site	500 €

Minimum fee:	500 €
Maximum fee:	13,000 €

Example for calculating the membership fee – IQCS/Bottler

Annual sales volume report: 15,000,000 €
2 production sites

up to 12 million (0.5 ‰):	6,000 €
from 12 to 15 million (0.2 ‰):	600 €
2nd production site	500 €

Total membership fee	7,100 €
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II. CALCULATING FEES ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP GROUP

PROCESSING



b) Ordinary Members Pursuant to § 4 (1) b) of the Statutes - IRMA/Processing

- Members in the IRMA/processing category pursuant to § 4 (1) b) of the statutes pay the membership fee based on the notifiable sales in EURO generated by the member company including all subsidiaries in the EU domestic market and in all countries that have instructed SGF to proceed with national controls of raw materials and semi-finished goods in the framework of cooperation agreements.
- The fee is calculated on the basis of relevant sales with mother juices, fruit juice concentrates and other products used to make the following goods: fruit juice, vegetable juice, fruit nectar, sweet must and other beverages based on fruit and vegetables.
- The above mentioned membership fee includes one production site run by the member company in each case. For every further production site run by the member company, an additional membership fee shall be charged amounting to 4,500 €. This also applies when paying the maximum fee.
- For a company paying the maximum fee, the fee for the first production site is included. Moreover, for a company paying the maximum fee one further production site is non-contributory for each bundle of 6 further production sites.
- The annual membership fee for the IRMA/Processing category is calculated additively and based on the sales structure as follows:

Sales of up to 10 million €	0.8 ‰
Plus sales from 10 to 150 million €	+0.3 ‰
First production site included	
Each additional production site	4,500 €

Minimum fee:	5,000 €
Maximum fee:	50,000 €

Example for calculating the membership fee - IRMA/Processing

Annual sales volume report: 15,000,000 €
2 production sites

up to 10 million (0.8 ‰):	8,000 €
from 10 to 15 million (0.3 ‰):	1,500 €
2nd production site	4,500 €

Total membership fee	14,000 €
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II. CALCULATING FEES ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP GROUP

c) Ordinary Members Pursuant to § 4 (1) c) of the Statutes - IQCS/Bottler and IRMA/Processing



- If the product portfolio of a member company puts it in both the IRMA/Processing category and the IQCS/Bottler category, then it must report the sales volume separately in each case. The sales volume report indicates how the company should be classified (II. a) or II. b)). In this case the membership fee is calculated on the basis of the total sales for both areas.
- A production site that covers both categories (IRMA/Processing and IQCS/Bottler) is treated like two separate production sites.
- The membership fee covers one production site in the same category. For every further production site of the member company, an additional membership fee is charged amounting to 500 € (for IQCS/Bottler) or to 4,500 € (for IRMA/Processing). This also applies when paying the maximum fee.

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2. Extraordinary Members Pursuant to § 4 (2) of the Statutes



a) IRMA/Broker

The membership fee for the category IRMA/Broker amounts to a flat-rate amount of 3,000 € p.a.



c) IRMA/Transport

The membership fee for the category IRMA/Transport amounts to a flat-rate amount of 3,000 € p.a.



b) IRMA/Warehouse

The membership fee for the category IRMA/Warehouse amounts to a flat-rate amount of 3,000 € p.a.



d) IRMA/Tank Cleaning

The membership fee for the category IRMA/Tank Cleaning amounts to a flat-rate amount of 300 € p.a.

3. Supporting Members Pursuant to § 4 (3) of the Statutes

The membership fee is decided upon by the Executive Committee and the individual member as a flat-rate amount. The minimum membership fee for supporting members is 2,500 €.