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naturemade scale of fees

For electricity, heat/cooling energy and biomethane/biogas

1. Introduction

Certification and licensing fees

Persons wishing to have an energy generating plant or energy product certified under the naturemade star, naturemade basic or naturemade resources star quality seal must be members of the VUE Association for Environmentally Sound Energy (Verein für umweltgerechte Energie). This also applies to monitors and suppliers of naturemade efficiency certificates (defined in separate regulations).

Certification and licensing fees

VUE charges fees for certifications and recertifications on the one hand and for the licensed production volumes of energy generation plants (energy production) and licensed energy supply volumes on the other. This schedule of fees contains the relevant provisions for the naturemade star, naturemade basic and naturemade resources star quality seals.

The fees for licensees of the naturemade efficiency quality seal are set down in the separate financial contributions regulations for the efficiency marketplace (available from www.effizienzmarkt.ch).

2. VUE membership fees

Membership fees are charged depending on the total volume of energy produced and/or the total volume of energy sold to end customers within a year (by the entire company) (energy output). They do not take into account whether energy is certified as naturemade basic, naturemade star or naturemade resources star or not. If the entire company only has a naturemade license for one energy system (e.g. electricity), the output volume only relates to that energy system. If the entire company has naturemade licenses for several energy systems (e.g. electricity and biogas or heat), the output volume relates to all energy systems.

Annual energy sales (GWh/a)	Membership fee in CHF (excl. VAT)
>1'000	8'000.-/year
>500 - 1'000	4'000.-/year
>100 - 500	2'000.-/year
>5 - 100	1'000.-/year
0-5	Included in the licensing fees

3. (Re)certification and licensing fees

The fees for naturemade licences comprise several fee components.

- (Re)certification fees (every 5 years)
- Annual fixed licensing fees
- Annual variable licensing fees. These depend on the licensed quantity of energy.

3.1. (Re)certification and fixed licensing fees

Type of fee	Fees in CHF (excl. VAT)	
(Re)Certification fee	Five-yearly	500.-
Fixed licensing fee	Annual	200.-

Exceptions:

- CHF 1'500.- (re)certification fee for express certification
- The fixed certification and licensing fees are calculated differently for collective licenses for biomass plants: there is no (re)certification fee of CHF 300.- every five years, and an annual licensing fee of CHF 300.- is instead charged rather than CHF 200.-
- The fixed (re)certification fee for the simplified procedure for small single plants (available for solar, wind and drinking water power plants < 30 kVA) is **CHF 150.-/5 years**.

3.2. Variable licensing fees

Variable licensing fees are calculated precisely in MWh increments (see example in Article 5).
Variable licensing fees are based on the licensed volume stated in the declaration (cf. Article 4).

Production

Licence for production	Annual fee in CHF per GWh (excl. VAT)
Production of naturemade basic	20.-
Production of naturemade star	39.-
Production of naturemade resources star	39.-

Supply

Licence for supply	Annual fee in CHF per GWh (excl. VAT)			
	Up to 10	>10 to 100	>100 to 750	>750
Supply of naturemade basic	950.-	100.-	40.-	0.-
Supply of naturemade star	1'350.-	150.-	60.-	0.-
Supply of naturemade resources star	1'350.-	150.-	60.-	0.-

Exceptions:

- Supplies of naturemade star biomethane/biogas below licensed volumes of 35 GWh/a are subject to a variable licensing fee of CHF 500 per GWh/a (excl. VAT).
- No variable licensing fees are charged for plants certified under the simplified procedure.

4. Basis for calculating the variable licensing fee

4.1. Energy production

The factor used to calculate the variable licensing fees for power plants and stations whose production is certified is obtained from the average production of the plant/station for the five years immediately prior to the first fee charged. **If no major changes occur, this factor remains unaltered for the duration of the licensing agreement.**

4.2. Energy supply

The licensed volume of an energy supply is the forecast saleable energy volume that can be sold to end customers or sub-licensees respectively as a naturemade-certified energy product. **Licensees are able to adjust licensed volumes as part of review audits or at the end of any given year.** If the sold volume is greater than the previously licensed volume, VUE retrospectively adjusts the payable fee and invoices it based on actual sales. If the sold volume is less than the previously licensed volume, licensing fees are only reimbursed **in exceptional cases.**

Reimbursements from VUE may only be applied for if the following conditions are met:

- A reasoned application is submitted to the executive office by no later than 31 March of the relevant year.
- Reimbursements are limited to a maximum of CHF 20'000.- excl. VAT per licensee and year.
- Planning errors will not be accepted as a reason for claiming a reimbursement.
- Reimbursements are tied to individual events such as the loss of a customer.

There is no entitlement to receive a reimbursement as a matter of principle. Applications are assessed and decided on by the VUE Board in its discretion.

5. Calculation example for (re)certification and licensing fees

Production

The following fees are payable for a naturemade basic-certified power generation plant with an average annual output of 450 GWh:

Type of fee		Fee in CHF Calculation (excl. VAT)
Certification fee	Five-yearly	500.-
Fixed licensing fee	Annually	200.-
Variable licensing fee	Annually 450 GWh at CHF 20.-	9'000.-
Total in year 1		9'700.-
Total in years 2 to 5		9'200.-

Supply

The following fees are payable for energy supplies certified under naturemade basic with an average annual supply of 110 GWh/a:

Type of fee		Fee in CHF Calculation (excl. VAT)
Certification fee	Five-yearly	500.-
Fixed licensing fee	Annually	200.-
Variable licensing fee up to 10 GWh	Annually 10 GWh at CHF 950.-	9'500.-
Variable licensing fee 11 to 100 GWh	Annually 90 GWh at CHF 100.-	9'000.-
Variable licensing fee >100 GWh	Annually 10 GWh at CHF 40.-	400.-
Total in year 1		19'600.-
Total in years 2 to 5		19'100.-