

Scale of fees

QS scheme for Pet food

- Processing plant (raw material petfood) / Petfood plant
- Wholesale / Broker / Private labelling (petfood)
- Transport / Storage (raw material petfood)

The fees for scheme participation – plus the applicable value added tax – are due for payment at the beginning of each contract year. The assessment basis for scheme participation fees is the total turnover of the company with products containing animal proteins or processes or services with such products. The fees for scheme participation cover the administrative costs incurred by QS. A refund of fees for scheme participation is not possible if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

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Processing plant (raw material petfood) ¹ / Petfood plant ² (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 10 million	500
under 25 million	1.500
under 50 million	2.500
under 100 million	3.500
100 million and above	5.000
at several locations in total:	10.000

¹ A company or establishment as referred to in Article 24(1)(a) (pressure sterilisation or alternative methods in agreement with the competent authority) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 in which animal by-products are processed. In the sense of the guideline, this includes companies that obtain animal fats and proteins from relevant animal species, separate meat or similar. The guideline also covers companies that process meat and by-products in the petfood production chain and are not classified as petfood plants.

² A company or establishment for the production of petfood or flavouring meat extracts as referred to in Article 24(1)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

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Wholesale¹/Broker²/Private labelling (petfood)³ (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 5 million	330
under 10 million	550
under 25 million	1.100
under 50 million	1.600
50 million and above	
at one location:	2.150
at several locations in total:	4.300

¹ Wholesalers are companies that store packaged and unpackaged petfood in designated business premises. They carry out trading activities by selecting their suppliers themselves or on their behalf and by acquiring goods for the purpose of further trading.

² Brokers are companies that carry out trading activities, act as distributors of manufacturing companies or are indicated as distributors on goods. Brokers can be owners of the goods without having possession of them themselves or coming into contact with them.

³ Private labelling is the practice of companies marketing pet food produced by another manufacturer under their own brand or company name.

Transport/Storage (raw material petfood)¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Up to 3 locations	150
Per additional location	50

¹ Companies engaged in the storage and transport of Category 3 material.