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QS scheme for meat and meat products

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Agriculture coordinators

The fees for scheme participation plus the applicable value added tax are set and calculated on 1 July each year (= assessment date). The lump sum fees for scheme participation cover the cost of scheme participation and the administrative expenses incurred by QS. The fees for scheme participation cannot be refunded if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

Coordinator fee for scheme participation ¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Livestock farming	
<i>Number of bundled locations²</i>	
under 10	100
under 50	400
under 100.	900
under 250	1.600
under 500	2.100
under 1.000	3.200
1.000 or above	5.300
Businesses involved in crop farming, grassland use, forage production, laying hen farming	
Per bundled location ³	15,00
Livestock hauliers	
Per company ⁴	50,00

¹ The assessment date for each calculation is 1 July.

² Locations are agricultural business units with their own individual (official) location number (e.g. VVVO number -> registration number according to the German Livestock Transport Regulation). If an animal species is listed more than once under one location number, the species is only counted once. If a location number has several animal species, they are calculated separately.

³ No additional fees apply to locations that are also scheme participants in either the "meat and meat products" or "fruit, vegetables and potatoes" supply chains.

⁴ Regardless of the number of vehicles per company. Only applies to (commercial) livestock hauliers as service providers. Does not apply to farm businesses that are scheme participants in the "meat and meat products" supply chain and have their own livestock vehicles.

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Fee for using the QS database module <i>Locations participating in the QS scheme¹</i>	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Fee for antibiotics monitoring per location	
For each bundled pig farming location	7,50
For each bundled poultry farming location	35,00
For each bundled cattle farming location	12,50
Fee for slaughter diagnostic data monitoring For each bundled cattle farming location ²	6,00

¹ The assessment date for each calculation is 1 July.

² The fee per VVVO number is calculated via the coordinator or organisation with which QS has signed a database module usage agreement.

Fee for using the QS database module <i>Locations that use the QS database module by special arrangement and do not participate in the QS scheme¹</i>	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Usage fee for external systems (basic fee) For each cattle farming location ²	12,50
Fee for antibiotics monitoring per location For each cattle farming location ³	32,50
Fee for slaughter diagnostic data monitoring For each cattle farming location ³	10,00

¹ The assessment date for each calculation is 1 July.

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Hatcheries

The fees for scheme participation – plus the applicable value added tax – are due for payment at the beginning of each contract year. The lump sum fees for scheme participation cover the cost of scheme participation and the administrative expenses incurred by QS. The fees for scheme participation cannot be refunded if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

Hatcheries (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 5 million	300
under 10 million	500
under 25 million	1.000
under 50 million	1.500
50 million or above: at one location:	2.000
at several locations in total:	4.000

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Feed sector

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Transportation and storage/handling (If only transportation and/or storage services are provided, fees are calculated via the certification body) ¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Up to 3 locations	150
Per additional location	50

¹ The figures are gathered via the certification bodies on 30 September each year. Locations that are members of a group of companies via a multi-site certification are exempt from this.

QS inspection of mobile feed milling and mixing plants (Fees are calculated via the certification body) ¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Up to 3 locations	150
Per additional location	50

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Multi-site certification: Groups of companies (for trade, transportation, storage and handling) ¹		Annual fee ² (in €) plus VAT
Number of locations	Basic fee	Fee per location
under 10	550	200
10 to 19	1.100	130
20 to 34	1.600	95
35 to 69	2.150	80
70 to 94	4.300	50
95 to 149	6.000	40
150 or above	10.000	35

¹ A group of companies is one in which companies are joined together as part of a quality association run by a head office. It does not have to be a legal entity in its own right.

² The annual fee consists of the basic fee plus the fees per location (including the head office). The fees are calculated via the head office of the corresponding group of companies.

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Meat wholesale/brokers and logistics

The fees for scheme participation – plus the applicable value added tax – are due for payment at the beginning of each contract year. The lump sum fees for scheme participation cover the cost of scheme participation and the administrative expenses incurred by QS. The fees for scheme participation cannot be refunded if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

Meat wholesale ¹ /brokers ² (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 5 million	500
under 10 million	750
under 15 million	1.000
under 25 million	2.000
under 50 million	4.000
50 million and above	6.000

¹ Meat wholesalers are businesses in which the produce is not processed in any way.

² Brokers are companies that primarily engage in trade activities and become owners of the goods without necessarily coming into contact with the products themselves.

Logistics

Meat and meat product logistics ¹ (Fees are calculated via the certification body) ²	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Up to 3 locations	150
Per additional location	50

¹ Applies to companies that store packaged and unpackaged foodstuffs at their own locations but do not own the goods. The company may also carry out activities that are related to product transportation and logistics but do not alter the product (e.g. re-palletising, repacking, freezing and defrosting). Companies that also participate in the QS scheme as part of the logistics stage (fruit, vegetables, potatoes) are only required to pay the fee once.

² The number of locations registered with QS is captured on 30 September each year.

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Slaughtering/deboning, processing

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Slaughtering/Deboning (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 10 million	1.000
under 25 million	2.500
under 50 million	5.000
under 100 million	7.500
100 million or above: at one location:	10.000
at several locations in total:	20.000

Processing (with an annual turnover in €)	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
under 10 million	1.000
under 25 million	2.500
under 50 million	5.000
under 100 million	7.500
100 million or above: at one location:	10.000
at several locations in total:	20.000

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Butchery

The fees for scheme participation – plus the applicable value added tax – are due for payment at the beginning of each contract year. The lump sum fees for scheme participation cover the cost of scheme participation and the administrative expenses incurred by QS. The fees for scheme participation cannot be refunded if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

Butchery ¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Participation via coordinator per location/branch (But at least 100 €)	20

¹ Butchery businesses (incl. their associated locations/branches) with an annual turnover below €10 million can join the QS scheme via a coordinator. Those with a turnover above €10 million participate directly in the scheme and are classified in accordance with the relevant scale of fees for slaughtering/deboning and processing.

Food retail coordinators

The fees for scheme participation – plus the applicable value added tax – are due for payment at the beginning of each contract year. The lump sum fees for scheme participation cover the cost of scheme participation and the administrative expenses incurred by QS. The fees for scheme participation cannot be refunded if the scheme participant is responsible for the termination of the scheme agreement.

Food retail coordinators ¹	Annual fee (in €) plus VAT
Per outlet/branch ²	1,30

¹ The assessment date for each calculation is 1 November.

² The annual fee is only to be paid once. This also applies if the outlet/branch participates in the QS scheme as part of both the meat and meat product supply chain, and the fruit, vegetables and potatoes supply chain.