

## Fee scheme for the use of the IFOAM Standard

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### **I. Fee scheme:**

#### **A. General principle**

The IFOAM Standard is a good practice organic standard that can be used directly to certify operators globally. The IFOAM Standard is a service IFOAM offers to those standard owners or certification bodies (including those in the IFOAM Accreditation Program) that do not wish to invest resources in developing or maintaining their own private standard. The use of the IFOAM Standard for certification is subject to annual fees, according to the present fee scheme.

#### **B. Fees:**

Fees are calculated on an annual basis. There is no initial application fee.

- **Annual fee:** Annual fee = 200 € + *Indicator* X 0,01 (or said otherwise Annual fee = 200 € + 1% of the *Indicator*). However, the maximum payable amount for the annual fee is 5,000 €. The minimum is 200 €.

***Indicator*** = the total amount (in Euros), that is being invoiced annually to all operators who use the standard. This invoiced total is inclusive of all inspection, certification, licensing, membership fee, and related promotional activity for any and all standards and services provided to those clients, whether they are provided by the standard owner directly, or by sub-contracted or independent inspection providers.

Affiliates of IFOAM – Organics International get a discount of 20% on the annual fee.

#### **C. Special offer:**

IFOAM Accredited Certification Bodies are not required to pay annual fees for using the IFOAM Standard. This service is provided to them for no extra charge, as part of IFOAM Accreditation.

### **II. Schedule for the submission of indicator figures:**

Owners of private standards approved in the IFOAM Family of Standards must submit their annual indicator figures as specified in section **B** above.

Indicator figures must be submitted to IFOAM – Organics International by the end of June of every year for the corresponding previous calendar year.

IFOAM Accredited Certification Bodies using the IFOAM Standard are exempted from submitting their indicator figures as described above.

### **III. Schedule for invoicing and payment**

Standard owners or certification bodies willing to use IFOAM Standards must pay the annual fee in accordance with this scheme. Payment should be made based on invoices received from IFOAM. Annual fees are calculated from the indicator of the previous year. They are payable by the end of August of every calendar year.

For learning more about the IFOAM Standard, please visit:

<http://www.ifoam.bio/en/ifoam-standard>

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