

Contribution Scheme for the Environmental Label as of 01.09.2008

Article 1 - Award of the Environmental Label

RAL gGmbH is the authorized body by UBA (Federal Environmental Agency) for the award of the Blue Angel.

Article 2 - Filing of an Application

When filing an application for grant of the right to use the Environmental Label for eligible products (goods and services) the applicant shall pay RAL € 250.00 plus VAT per application upon request by RAL gGmbH.

Article 3 - Annual Fee

An annual fee is to be paid to RAL gGmbH to acquire the right to use the Blue Angel eco-label.

Article 4 - Amount of the Annual Fee

(1) The amount of the annual fee depends on the total annual turnover of the products (goods and services) per Basic Criteria for the Award of the Environmental Label according to the following list:

Annual turnover in million €	Annual fee in € (plus VAT)	Fee Category
up 0.25	270.00	1
from 0.25 to 1.0	540.00	2
from 1.0 to 2.5	1080.00	3
from 2.5 to 5.0	2110.00	4
from 5.0 to 15.0	3050.00	5
from 15.0 to 25.0	4500.00	6
from 25.0	6000.00	7

If no annual turnover is generated the applicant shall pay at least the annual fee in category 1.

- (2) If the applicant applies for the extension of the right to use the Environmental Label to products entitled to the label which are to be marketed under another brand name and/or other marketing organizations, the applicant shall pay RAL gGmbH a handling fee of € 150.00 plus VAT for the conclusion of each new Contract on the Use of the Environmental Label.

Article 5 - Fixing of the Fee

- (1) Until November 30 of each calendar year the applicants shall be liable to inform RAL of the estimated annual fee (or fee category) to be paid by them and upon request by RAL gGmbH they shall pay the resulting fee.
- (2) RAL shall be entitled to ask for a verification of the above-mentioned total turnover figures
- (3) If an applicant refuses to furnish particulars as required in Article 5 (1) RAL gGmbH shall be entitled to fix the amount of the annual fee after consultation with UBA
- (4) If the use of the label begins during a calendar year the annual fee shall be fixed on the basis of twelfths of the annual fee given in Article 4. The relevant month for the assessment of the fee shall be that month during which the Contract on the Use of the Environmental Label is concluded.
- (5) If the use of the label is ended before the end of the calendar year, excess fees already paid will not be refunded.