

Contribution Scheme 2018

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In order to account for general costs of the management and supervision and for costs relating to activities which, in the Foundation's opinion, are useful or required for promoting its object, the Foundation charges a contribution for certificate holders and licensees. To account for costs relating to the execution of the Integrity Program, the Foundation charges a contribution for Certifying Bodies. The contribution is effective for a calendar year. No discount or refund is given if participation lasts for just part of the year.

Contribution for certificate holders

Meadow Dairy Companies in possession of a Grazing Certificate pay the contribution for certificate holders. The contribution rate is dependent on the total annual turnover of the company. Four turnover categories apply. For small scale dairy establishments (*boerderij-zuivelbedrijven*) a separate contribution rate applies. As such, the contribution structure is kept simple and associated administrative pressure is kept as low as possible.

As from 1 January 2016 the Meadow Milk Logo is also available for dairy products manufactured outside the Netherlands. To account for the expenses involved with this adaptation the Foundation charges companies in possession of the Grazing Certificate who are not based in the Netherlands¹ a surcharge of 15% for the period of three years (2016, 2017 and 2018)².

The following contribution rates for certificate holders have been adopted for 2018:

Turnover category	Total annual turnover (x 1 million euros)	Annual contribution for companies based in the Netherlands (excl. VAT)	Annual contribution for companies based outside the Netherlands (excl. VAT)
A	< € 7.5	€ 525	€ 604
B	€ 7.5 - € 50	€ 1,575	€ 1,811
C	€ 50 - € 500	€ 5,250	€ 6,038
D	> € 500	€ 10,500	€ 12,075
Small scale dairy establishment	not applicable	€ 75	€ 75

The annual contribution will be reduced by 50% if the certificate holder can prove, with convincing documentation, that Meadow Dairy makes up 5% or less of the total annual turnover of the certificate holder. This exception does not apply to certificate holders that have an annual turnover of Meadow Dairy Products higher than 25 million euros nor to small scale dairy establishments.

Contribution for licensees

Companies that have a Licence Agreement with the Foundation pay the contribution for licensees. The contribution is due annually, starting the first year after the License Agreement has been concluded. The contribution for licensees is currently set at zero euros (€ 0.00) .

CB's contribution

Certifying Bodies that have an agreement with the Foundation to carry out audits and certifications, or give instructions to do so pay the contribution for CB's. The contribution rate is based on expected costs for execution of the Integrity Program and is currently set at € 5,000 (excl. VAT).

¹ Based on the legal entity's registered office address

² Not applicable for small scale dairy establishments