

Members' Contribution Rules of the Gütegemeinschaft Rezyklate aus haushaltsnahen Wertstoffsammlungen e.V.

(Federal Quality Association for Recyclate from Recyclable Household Waste Collections)

Valid as of 6. April 2018

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The General Meeting of RAL Gütegemeinschaft Rezyklate aus haushaltsnahen Wertstoffsammlungen e. V. (referred to in the following as "Association") agreed to implement the following contribution rules based on Section 7.6.4 of the statutes of 6. April. These contribution rules apply as of 6. April 2018:

§ 1 Association costs

In accordance with Section 4.3.4 of the statutes of the association, contributions are to be paid by members to cover the budget, in addition to levies and voluntary grants from supporting members or from third parties.

§ 2 Contribution assessment

- (1) All members pay a non-recurring admission fee of 850,- € (plus VAT) which is due on admission to the association.
- (2) The amount of the annual contribution for ordinary members¹ depends on the volume forecast for the recyclate produced or used in their products in the course of production in the respective year in terms of the quality and test regulations of the quality association, in accordance with the following table:

Tonnage of recyclate (t/a)	Annual contribution in € (plus VAT)	Contribution class
< 20	600 €	I
21 - 300	2,200 €	II
301 – 3,000	4,400 €	III
3,001 – 10,000	6,600 €	IV
> 10,001	9,950 €	V

¹ Ordinary members: Companies that produce plastic recyclates from the household collection or use them in their products.

Cooperating members² pay an annual fee of 850,- € (plus VAT).

- (3) Supporting members (i.e. members who do not produce or use recycle in terms of the aforementioned) pay an annual contribution of 850,- € (plus VAT).
- (4) Members newly admitted in the course of a financial year pay the respective proportionate annual contribution as of the date of admission, rounded up to full months.
- (5) Honorary members are members who, by decision of the General Meeting, are exempted from payment of contributions, levies and fees.

§ 3 Setting the amount of contribution

- (1) The ordinary members inform the Board in writing by 20.03 of each respective year at the latest concerning their respective contribution class based on the respective volume forecast.
- (2) If a higher contribution class arises for the previous year based on actual volumes, the Association is entitled to claim back-payment. The respective members notify the Board immediately of this, or at the latest by 20.03 of the following year. Claims for back-payment resulting from lower actual volumes are excluded.
- (3) In case of justified doubts concerning the correctness of data, the Board can demand certification of correctness by an auditor, for which the respective association bears the costs.
- (4) If a member refuses to provide data or verification required in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 3, the Board can set the amount of the annual contribution at its own discretion.

§ 4 Reduction in contribution

On respective application, the membership contribution for the ongoing financial year can be reduced in especially justified cases. The Board decides on the respective application submitted.

§ 5 Payment of contribution

- (1) The annual contribution is due on 1. April of each respective year.
- (2) Termination of membership does not exempt the member from financial obligations due to the association which have arisen until the respective date. Termination of membership prior to completion of a calendar year does not result in entitlement to any repayment claim for contributions already made.

² Cooperating members: bottlers or distributors who purchase finished packaging or products from orderly members and merely label them themselves.

§ 6 Process and inspection costs

Procedural and inspection costs incurred in the course of quality and inspection regulations are not covered by membership contribution. The respective amount incurred is to be reimbursed to the quality association.

§ 7 Information on the assessment of the RAL contribution

- (1) The association is a member of RAL Deutsches Institut für Gütesicherung und Kennzeichnung e.V. (*German Institute for Quality Assurance and Certification*) (referred to in the following as “RAL”). The membership contribution of the association to RAL is calculated based on the product value at market prices of products of ordinary members of the association which are/are to be subjected to quality assurance and which are/are to be labelled with the Quality Mark (“turnover which is/is to be quality assured”).
- (2) To assess the member contribution of the association to RAL, we request that ordinary association members notify the Board annually by 31.03 with regard to classification in the turnover class which will be recorded with the respective quality assured/quality assurable products, in accordance with the following turnover classes:

Turnover in million €	Turnover class
<13	1
14-25	2
26-100	3
101-255	4
356-500	5
>501	6

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The board of the association