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**Decree issued by the Ministry of the Environment
on chargeable goods and services provided by regional
environment centres
(1237/2003)**

Section 1 - Scope of application

This Decree gives stipulations on chargeable goods and services provided by regional environment centres, the criteria for these charges, and charges made for public law goods and services.

Section 2 - Chargeable public law goods and services

Services listed in the annex to this Decree are public law services for which there are fixed charges.

Section 3 - Goods and services priced on grounds of business economy

- (1) The following goods and services based on orders or other commissions are chargeable goods and services priced on the grounds of business economy:
- 1) research and laboratory services;
 - 2) training services;
 - 3) hydrometric measurements;
 - 4) design, construction and maintenance of information systems;
 - 5) production of equipment and goods;
 - 6) repair and transport services;
 - 7) design and construction services;

- 8) expert opinions related to dimensioning of openings in bridges and culverts and other expert opinions;
 - 9) groundwater surveys;
 - 10) publications, periodicals, video recordings, sound recordings and other similar goods and services;
 - 11) information provision and direct use of information systems;
 - 12) data searches and interlibrary loans;
 - 13) sale and surrender of right of use of methods, information systems, software and other similar goods and services;
 - 14) use of premises in the possession of a regional environment centre;
 - 15) other copies of documents than those referred to in section 2;
 - 16) use of equipment services;
 - 17) other similar goods and services.
- (2) No charge is made on international use of information and publications if the free service provided is based on mutual service or general international practice and the use complies with the conditions of use defined by a regional environment centre.

Section 4 - Some provisions concerning the collection of public law charges

- (1) A proportion of a sum listed in the annexed table of charges, corresponding to the amount of work carried out, is charged for applications which are cancelled or for which supplementary information is not provided.



- (2) Equal charges are made for favourable and unfavourable decisions unless the annexed table of charges stipulates otherwise.

- (3) If a court of law returns a case for re-processing on account of an appeal, what was charged in the matter for the previous regional environment centre decision will be deducted from the processing charge.

Section 5 - *Entry into force*

- (1) This Decree enters into force on January 1, 2004 and will remain in force until December 31, 2006.

- (2) Charges for goods and services concerning which action has been instituted before the entry into force of this Decree are made in accordance with provisions in force at the time of entry into force of this Decree.

TABLE OF CHARGES*Annex*

Public law decisions, certificates and other public law goods and services for which a fixed charge has been laid down

I Decisions

Environmental permits under the Environmental Protection Act (86/2000)

(the estimated average work load in person-workdays (pwd) is given after each item)

EUR

Forest industry

- particle board plant, plywood or other wood board plant (40-70 pwd) 15,420
- plant producing glued or laminated wood products (20-35 pwd) 7,710
- unbarked timber floating basin (7.5-12.5 pwd) 2,800
- wood impregnation plant (15-25 pwd) 5,610

Metal industry

- foundry or other smelter or hot-dipping plant (30-50 pwd) 11,210
- accumulator plant (15-25 pwd) 5,610
- ferrous metal rolling mill (40-70 pwd) 15,420
- ferrous metal forge and other than ferrous metal rolling mill, hammer mill or rod mill (20-35 pwd) 7,710
- shipyard (20-35 pwd) 7,710
- surface finishing plant, circuit board production plant, pickling plant, bonderizing plant or aluminium anodizing plant (15-25 pwd) 5,610

Energy production



- power plant, boiler plant or other plant with a maximum fuel power of
 - over 150 megawatts (MW) (25-43 pwd) 9,530
 - 50-150 MW (15-25 pwd) 5,610
 - under 50 MW (10-18 pwd) 3,920

Chemical industry

- plant producing inorganic basic chemicals (50-85 pwd) 18,920
- air gas plant (7.5-12.5 pwd) 2,800
- plant producing organic basic chemicals or organometallic compounds or plant producing enzymes (45-78 pwd) 17,240
- plant producing dyes or pigments or paint, printing ink or varnish plant (25-43 pwd) 9,530
- plant producing plastic raw materials (40-70 pwd) 15 420
- plant producing plastic laminates or latexes, rubber factory or glue factory (25-43 pwd) 9,530
- plant producing artificial fibres (60-100 pwd) 22,430
- plant producing explosives, fertilizers other than fertilizer mixes or intermediate products, pesticides or chemical preservatives or biocide products or plant producing active ingredients for them (50-85 pwd) 18,920
- pharmaceutical plant or plant producing pharmaceutical raw materials (25-43 pwd) 9,530

Storage, use or handling of chemicals and fuels

- storage for liquid fuels or hazardous liquid chemicals
 - with a minimum storage tank volume of 10,000 cubic metres (25-43 pwd) 9,530
 - with a storage tank volume of under 10,000 cubic metres (12-21 pwd) 4,630
- plant in which the handling or storage of chemicals hazardous to health or to the environment is



extensive in accordance with the Chemicals Act (744/1989) (15-25 pwd)	5,610
- wood, peat or coal gasification or liquification plant or other production plant for liquid or gaseous fuel (50-85 pwd)	18,920
- other production plant for solid fuel or electro- technical coal or graphite production plant (20-35 pwd)	7,710
Activities using volatile organic compounds (20-35 pwd)	7,710
Mineral product manufacture	
- cement works (30-50 pwd)	11,210
- lime works (25-43 pwd)	9,530
- mineral wool plant (30-50 pwd)	11,210
- plant producing glass or fibreglass (25-43 pwd)	9,530
- brickworks (15-25 pwd)	5,610
- plasterboard factory (25-43 pwd)	9,530
Plant-like production or handling of leather and textiles	
- tannery (20-35 pwd)	7,710
- fur-dressing shop (15-25 pwd)	5,610
- nonwoven fabric plant, plant for pre-treatment or dyeing fibres or textiles (12-21 pwd)	4,630
Production of food and animal feeds	
- dairy or other milk receiving, handling or refining facility (15-25 pwd)	5,610
- sugar refinery or sweetener factory (23-43 pwd)	9,530
- starch factory or factory producing starch derivatives (25-43 pwd)	9,530
- factory producing vegetable or animal fats or oils or margarine factory (25-43 pwd)	9,530
- factory producing vegetable, root vegetable, fruit or berry products or prepared foods factory (15-25 pwd)	5,610
- abattoir (15-25 pwd)	5,610



- brewery, yeast plant, alcohol factory or alcoholic beverage factory (15-25 pwd) 5,610
 - bone meal factory, factory producing animal feeds or feed proteins (15-25 pwd) 5,610
- Livestock shelters and fur farms
- livestock shelter for a minimum of 150 dairy cows, 400 beef cattle, 500 full-grown sows, 2,000 finishing pigs, 60,000 laying hens or 100,000 broiler hens or some other livestock shelter corresponding to a livestock shelter of 2,000 pork pigs in terms of manure production or environmental impacts (5-8 pwd) 1,800
 - other livestock shelter (3.5-5.5 pwd) 1,200
 - a fur farm with at least 4,000 breeding female mink or fitch or at least 1,200 breeding female foxes or raccoon dogs or at least 1,600 other female breeding fur animals or some other fur farm that corresponds to a fur farm of 4,000 breeding female mink in terms of manure production or environmental impacts (5-8 pwd) 1,800
 - other fur farm (3.5-5.5 pwd) 1,200
- Transport
- chemicals marshalling yard or terminal used to transfer chemicals hazardous to health or to the environment from one means of transport to another or to storage or from storage onto a means of transport (12-21 pwd) 4,630
- Waste management and water supply
- landfill
 - landfill for hazardous waste (25-43 pwd) 9,530
 - landfill for ordinary waste (20-35 pwd) 7,710
 - landfill for soil (7.5-12.5 pwd) 2,800
 - hazardous waste incineration plant (80-140 pwd) 0,840
 - plant using waste as principal fuel (25-43 pwd) 9,530
 - plant or location utilizing or treating hazardous waste produced elsewhere (10-18 pwd) 3,920



- composting plant or other than above-mentioned waste utilization or treatment plant which utilizes or treats at least 5,000 tonnes of waste per year (10-18 pwd) 3,920
- purification plant for treating the household wastewater of at least 100 people or for leading household wastewater of at least 100 people outside the public sewerage system (8-12 pwd) 1,400
- raw water treatment plant using surface water (8-12 pwd) 1,400

The charge is 35% below that specified in the table if less work is required than is specified in the table, and 35% above it if more work is required.

A charge amounting to 50% of that specified in the table is applied to the handling of permit applications concerning material alteration of an activity (Environmental Protection Act, section 28(3)). A charge amounting to 30% of the charge specified in the table is applied to the handling of applications for the review of permit regulations (Environmental Protection Act, section 55(2)) and to applications made by the permit holder for amending a permit (Environmental Protection Act, section 58). If, however, the amount of work required by such a handling process corresponds to that required in the case of a new activity, a full charge is applied as specified in the table. If a technical change is made in an individual permit provision, 10% of the charge specified in the table is paid.

A charge equivalent to that made by the local authority for a permit application concerning the activity in question is payable on the handling of a matter referred by the local environmental protection authority under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act.



A combined payment is charged for handling a permit application concerning an operational unit under section 2 of the Environmental Protection Decree (169/2000) so that 50% is added to the handling charge for activities in the highest charge group as the proportion accounting for the other activities in the operational unit. If the operational unit includes activities for which the competent permit authority is the local environmental protection authority, 50% of the tariff of the municipality in question is charged.

If the matter in question is other than an environmental permit matter concerning activities listed in the above table or if the charge given in the table is unreasonably high in relation to the amount of work required to handle the permit, a charge of EUR 38.50 per hour is applied to the handling process.

Other decisions based on the Environmental Protection Act

Handling of notifications concerning activities causing temporary noise or vibration	390
Handling of notifications concerning experimental activities	970
Handling of notifications concerning exceptional situations	390
Handling of notifications concerning treatment of contaminated soil	EUR 38.50 per hour
Decision to approve a monitoring plan	390

Decisions under the Nature Conservation Act (1096/1996)

Exemption from restrictions on action in the nature conservation programme	200
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Exemption from prohibition to change the type of a natural habitat	200
Exemption from prohibition concerning the deterioration and destruction of a habitat of a species under strict protection	200
Exemption from prohibition to set up outdoor advertisements	290
Exemption from protection provisions concerning living organisms	80
Permit for import, export, sale, exchange or offering for sale or exchange of a protected species	80
Other permit given under the Nature Conservation Act	80

Exemptions and permits granted for research to promote nature conservation are free of charge.

Other decisions

Handling of notification to the waste database	110
Decision to approve a monitoring plan related to a permit under the Water Act unless the holder of the water law permit is the State	200
Approval of a safety monitoring programme for a dam unless the owner of the dam is the State	80
Derogation decision under the Land Use and Building Act (132/1999)	
- granting a derogation	340
- refusing a derogation	170
Continuation of a building prohibition or injunction issued in order to draw up or amend a master plan	100
Exemption referred to in section 4 of the Act on public roads (243/1954)	100
Prohibition or restriction issue referred to in section 8 of the Off-Road Traffic Act (1710/1995)	
- favourable decision	390

- unfavourable decision	200
Prohibition or restriction referred to in sections 15 and 16 of the Water Traffic Act ((463/1996)	
- favourable decision	390
- unfavourable decision	200

II Certificates, extracts and copies

Diary and register extract certificate or extract	EUR 17
Certificate of validity	EUR 40.20
Copies of documents	
- first 1-10 pages	0.70 per page
- following 11-100 pages	0.35 per page
- from 101 upwards	0.20 per page
- service fee	EUR 3.90 per delivery
- certification of a document as correct	EUR 3.90 per document

III Other goods and services

Statements on an assessment programme referred to in the Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure (468/1994) when the project or its impacts extend to	
- the area of a single municipality	3,910
- the area of 2-5 municipalities, in which case an additional municipality-specific fee is charged in addition to the above	970
- the area of six or more municipalities, in which case an additional municipality-specific fee is charged in addition to the above	390
- the payment may not, however, exceed	
	15,520
Statements concerning an assessment report referred to in the Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure when the project or its impacts extend to	
- the area of a single municipality	5,750



- the area of 2-5 municipalities, in which case an additional municipality-specific fee is charged in addition to the above	970
- the area of six or more municipalities, in which case an additional municipality-specific fee is charged in addition to the above	390
- the payment may not, however, exceed	17,360
Handling of notifications under section 6 of the Act on Implementation of the Legislation on Environmental Protection	50