



FEE REGULATIONS

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**Quality Assurance Association for
Heavy-Duty Corrosion Protection**

of Valves and Fittings with Powder Coating (GSK e.V.)

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(valid from 01.01.2017)

1. Scope

The association's members make a contribution to fulfilling its statutory objectives in accordance with these Rules on Membership Dues.

Furthermore, the Fee Regulations regulate the charges made for admission and conducting inspections carried out in accordance with the respectively applicable Quality and Inspection Regulations with the aim of covering costs incurred.

2. Area of application

These Fee Regulations apply to Full Members and Sustaining Members of GSK within the meaning of currently valid version of the association's Statutes.

3. Membership contribution on joining

The membership contribution on joining is 25.000,00 € for Full Members.

This sum comprises a joining fee of 5.000,00 € and the sum of 20.000,00 € for the retrospective development of the Quality Mark statutes (development costs).

The admission procedure is set in motion once the charge has been paid into GSK's bank account. The sum of 20.000,00 € is subject to value-added tax at the rate that is valid at the time of invoicing.

4. Annual subscription

4.1 The annual subscription for Full Members with process and/or product certificate operating a single production facility is 2.000,00 €.

The annual subscription is also payable for each additional production facility.

4.2 The annual subscription for Full Members with coating material certificate is 2.000,00 €.

4.3 The annual subscription for Sustaining Members is 5.000,00 €.

4.4 The annual subscription is due at the beginning of each calendar year.
For new members, the annual subscription is charged on a pro rata basis.

5. **Quality mark owner without membership in the GSK**

5.1 For companies, they would like to lead the quality mark without a membership of the GSK the unique equipment fee amounts to 25.000,00 €.

5.2 The processing fee per year is 2.000,00 €.

5.3 The following points of the contribution rules apply.

6. **Scale of charges for inspections**

In addition to the membership contribution on joining and the annual subscription, a charge is made for the inspection for process and/or product certificate and for the inspection of the coating material. This charge is made to cover the costs incurred for the inspection, the testing institute's costs for laboratory testing and material, and administrative activities.

6.1 **Charge for the respective inspection for process and/or product certificate**

6.1.1 An inspection charge of 1.000,00 € is made for each inspection up to 5 hours. Every extra hour is calculated with 250,00 €.

6.1.2 In addition, a travel allowance will be charged to cover the travel costs incurred (travel costs within the meaning of the German Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz), time spent travelling, kilometre allowance agreed between GSK and the testing institute, etc.).

These costs are basically scaled according to zones.

6.1.2.1 The travel allowance for Zone I (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 600 km) is 750,00 €

6.1.2.2	For Zone II (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 800 km) it is	1.000,00 €
6.1.2.3	For Zone III (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 1 000 km) it is	1.250,00 €
6.1.2.4	For Zone IV (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 1 200 km) it is	1.500,00 €
6.1.2.5	For Zone V (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 1 400 km) it is	1.750,00 €
6.1.2.6	For Zone VI (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 1 600 km) it is	2.000,00 €
6.1.2.7	For Zone VII (round trip between testing institute and production facility more than 1 600 km) it is	2.250,00 €
6.1.2.8	Especially for distances in excess of Zone III, GSK can invoice for costs based on the existing arrangements between GSK and the testing institute. GSK is authorised to add a reasonable administration charge.	
6.1.2.9	For companies that are in close proximity to each other, a reasonable reduction will be made for the zone.	

7. Charge for testing the coating material

7.1	For each coating material, the charge for a licence test is	500,00 €
7.2	The charge for a licence extension test (according to the valid Quality Mark statutes at the moment every two years) is	500,00 €
7.3	The charges quoted are usually invoiced at the beginning of the year.	

8. Not practicable inspections as well as from the quality committee arranged additional and repetition inspections

- 8.1 The costs of not practicable inspections e.g.
- because of the absence of valves and fittings with a quality-assured coating in accordance with RAL GZ 662 or

- because of a shutdown – including a partial shutdown – for whatever reasons will be charged to the company together with an administration charge.

8.2 costs for additional or repeat inspections (increased fee) will be charged to the company together with an administration charge.

9. Products purchased in the market place

The testing institute will charge companies for products purchased in the market place in accordance with the Quality and Inspection Regulations together with a reasonable charge for expenses.

10. Additional administrative expenses

GSK is authorised to charge for additional administrative expenses, such as for having to re-send certificates. In this case, a charge of 50,00 € (domestic) 150,00 € (abroad) is due.

11. Administrative fine

An administrative fine of 1.500,00 € can be imposed on any member companies that do not attend duly convened meetings or the duly convened general meeting themselves or are not duly represented by a member company present at the meeting.

Further regulatory measures and the costs involved are detailed in the Implementation Regulations.

12. Exceptions

In justified exceptional cases the GSK executive board can make decisions contrary to these Rules on Membership Dues.

13. Other provisions

The valid legal regulations, in particular to the tax legislation, find use in the valid version.

14. Transitional rule

These Fee Regulations replace the Fee Regulations that have been valid since 01.01.2014 and come into force on 01.01.2017.

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