

Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.

Fee schedule EPD programme and services of IBU

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Preliminary remarks

The following fee schedule applies to the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) programme of Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU) in accordance with EN 15804+A2, as well as to all EPDs that are still valid and were prepared under previous versions of this programme. This programme is available exclusively to members of IBU. In the case of corporate group memberships, association memberships, and Private Label Agreements, the right to create EPDs can be transferred, meaning that the declaration owner does not necessarily have to be member of IBU in these cases. As a rule, this is done through individualized EPDs.

The Executive Board at IBU adopted the following fee schedule on 12 May 2026. The fee schedule will apply from 12 August 2026. The fees are hereinafter referred to as “declaration fees”.

Declaration fees

The declaration fees consist of one-time charges for verification and processing, as well as annual recurring labelling fees, which are charged for one year from the date of issue of a declaration.

1. Verification fees

1.1. Verification and processing (one-time fee per declaration)

- a) For the **initial issuance** of an EPD or for the recalculation of an EPD, the fees for verification and processing are: EUR 2,700.
- b) For the **revision** or update of an EPD, the fees for verification and processing shall be: EUR 1,500.
- c) For **individualized EPDs** or **EPDs** created **using LCA tools**, the following fees shall apply:
 - For initial issuance: EUR 450.
 - For revision or update: EUR 350.
- d) The **assessment of the update effort** required to adapt an EPD to the current applicable documents (e.g. General Programme Instructions, PCR guidance documents) and normative foundations is charged with a processing fee of EUR 500.
- e) If multiple **EPDs from the same product family** based on the same background report are submitted at the same time, a fee of EUR 2,700 will be charged for the first EPD, and EUR 500 for each additional EPD.

The above reduced verification fees shall apply accordingly to revisions or updated of EPDs, provided that the stated conditions are fulfilled.

- f) **Annexes** submitted as part of the EPD verification process are charged at EUR 350 per annex. For additional result tables included in an annex, a fee of EUR 100 per table is charged.

Annexes submitted after completion of the verification process shall be considered a revision or update and shall be charged in accordance with Section 1.1.b.

- g) **Any additional expenses** arising from non-compliance with the Programme Instructions (e.g. missed deadlines) will be charged additionally to the declaration holder.

1.2. Verification of software tools

- a) The one-time fees for the approval of IT-based software tools shall be:
 - For an LCA tool: EUR 5,000.
 - For an EPD tool: EUR 7,000.

The above fees are base prices for the verification of a software tool covering one product category (PCR Part B) and one production site. Where a tool covers multiple product categories (PCR Part B) and/ or multiple production sites, an individual, non-binding quotation shall be obtained from the IBU office. In such cases, the fees shall be determined based on the effort involved.

- b) Reduced fees shall apply to the **revision or renewal** of the approval of a software tool:

- For an LCA tool: EUR 2,500.
- For an EPD tool: EUR 3,500.

In the case of minor modifications to a software tool that has already been approved, a reduced fee may be applied. The classification of a modification as minor shall be determined by the IBU office. If the verification effort exceeds the usual scope, higher fees may be charged according to the actual effort involved.

- c) The proper use of an EPD tool shall generally be reviewed annually. This **review** is carried out on a random basis using the EPDs created with the tool- A fee of EUR 2,000. Per year shall be charged for verification and processing.

1.3. Termination of verifications

If an assigned verification, regardless of the type of declaration of software tool, is terminated at the request of the declaration holder or for reasons failing within the declaration holder's sphere of responsibility, the verification fee specified in this fee schedule shall be charged in full.

If, at the time the verification is terminated, expenses have already been incurred that exceed the usual verification effort, IBU reserves the right to charge such additional costs separately.

2. Trademark fees

A declaration is generally valid for five years.

2.1. Trademark fees for EPDs

- a) The **annual trademark fee** is for each declaration holder who is an ordinary or associate member of the association, or whose eligibility to participate in the declaration programme is derived from the membership of a parent company within a corporate group or an association, shall be:
- For the first valid declaration: EUR 960
 - For the second valid declaration: EUR 480
 - For the third valid declaration: EUR 240
 - For the fourth valid declaration: EUR 180
 - For each additional valid declaration: EUR 120
 - From the 21st EPD, no annual trademark fees are charged for each additional declaration.

- b) Dynamic adjustment of the discount scale: If an EPD loses its validity and is not renewed, the next EPD in sequence automatically moves into the vacant position within the discount scale. As a result, each remaining EPD is moved forward in the sequence, and the corresponding trademark fees are recalculated in accordance with the adjusted scale.
- c) These regulations also apply for declaration holders of individualized EPDs of **associations**, within the framework of **corporate group memberships**, and to declaration holders under a **Private Label Agreement**. In such cases, the private label holder is treated as a new declaration holder. The term of this declaration is based on the term of the private label issuer.
- d) For declaration holders without membership status, as well as for declaration holders who terminate their membership before the expiry of the validity of their declaration, the annual trademark fee increases to three times the rate set out in the above discount scale:
 - For the first valid declaration: EUR 2,880
 - For the second valid declaration: EUR 1,440
 - For the third valid declaration: EUR 720
 - For the fourth valid declaration: EUR 360, etc.

The dynamic adjustment of the discount scale also applies here.

2.2. Trademark fees for EPDs generated using IT-based software tools

- a) The trademark fee for each EPD created using a **licensed EPD tool** is EUR 20 per year. The declaration holder shall receive a 10% discount if the trademark fees are paid five years in advance. The maximum trademark fees payable per declaration holder and year shall be EUR 7,500 (upper limit). In the event that the declaration holder's membership is terminated before the expiry of the validity period of the declaration, the annual trademark fee and the upper limit increase to three times the stated amount.
- b) For trademark fees relating to licensed EPD tools that generate more than 100 verified EPDs per year, an agreement on the amount of the trademark fees can be reached between the declaration holder and the IBU office, deviating from Section 2.2.a. For example, fees may be paid on a lump-sum basis for a guaranteed total number of EPDs (bundle).
- c) For EPDs generated using LCA tools verified by the association, the regulations set out in Section 2.1.a. apply accordingly, provided that the results are published and include a reference to IBU e.V.
- d) For IT-based software tools that were first verified or registered for verification by 30 August 2025, the provisions listed in Section 2.1.a. to 2.1.d. continue to apply.

3. Other services

3.1. Free publication of EPDs in ÖKOBAUDAT and ECO Platform

The publication of EPDs and EPD datasets in the IBU e.V. databases is free of charge. There are no fees for members for the initial publication of datasets in ÖKOBAUDAT and the ECO Platform. Any modifications requested by the respective declaration holder, as well as services provided in this area for non-members, shall be charged based on the actual effort involved. This is based on an hourly rate of EUR 100.

3.2. Mutual recognition of EPDs with other Programme Operators

For additional services related to the EPD Programme, such as the verification of annexes for the mutual recognition of EPDs with other programme operators, the fees are determined based on the actual effort involved.

3.3. Changes to published EPDs

- a) Changes to published EPDs that require only a minor processing effort shall be free of charge for members. If the processing effort exceeds 30 minutes, a fee of EUR 100 per commenced hour shall be charged. For more complex amendments, the scope of work shall be agreed individually.
- b) Changes to published EPDs that require a new Verification but do not qualify as a full revision with an extension of the validity period shall be charged separately. The verification costs shall be passed on to the declaration holder at the actual amount incurred. In addition, IBU shall charge a processing fee of EUR 100 per affected EPD and EUR 100 per commenced hour for internal processing effort.

3.4. Mass-Balance-Approach (MBA) – Product Information

For the issuance of a Product Information document relating to the Mass Balance Approach, which may be prepared where an EPD for the relevant product already exists or is being prepared, the following fees shall apply:

- Without simultaneous submission of the EPD: EUR 2,500
- With simultaneous submission together with an EPD: EUR 1,250

3.5. Private Label Agreements (PLA)

When implementing a PLA (Private Label Agreement), the private label licensee shall become a new declaration holder and shall accordingly be obliged to pay the trademark fees. For each EPD, an additional processing fee of EUR 500 and the applicable trademark fee shall be charged. Where a short verification is required, an additional fee of EUR 300 shall be charged.

3.6. Language Versions

EPDs can be submitted for verification in either German or English. If an EPD is submitted for verification simultaneously in both languages, a fee of EUR 350 shall be charged. Any other services or foreign-language versions of declarations shall be agreed separately and invoiced by the IBU office.

4. Exceptions from this Fee Schedule

The Executive Board is authorized, in justified cases, to set different fees and charges that deviate from this fee schedule.

5. Terms of Payment

The declaration fees shall be paid in advance. The trademark fees shall be paid annually in advance. The declaration fee is due upon initiation of the verification.

All amounts listed in this fee schedule are net amounts, to which the applicable statutory value-added tax (currently 19%) must be added.