



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 01.01.2024)

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 Pre-Audit

Before making a decision on the application for membership, the prospective member must have a technical pre-audit carried out in accordance with Section 3.2 of the General Quality and Inspection Regulations in order to determine whether the requirements can be implemented in a timely manner from a technical point of view.

The contribution for a technical pre-audit is 5.000 €.

If the application for admission is approved after the technical pre-audit, an amount of 3.000 € is offset against the admission fee (retrospective development costs).

4 Membership contribution on joining

The membership contribution on joining is 30.000,00 € for Full Members.

This sum comprises a joining fee of 10.000,00 € and the sum of 20.000,00 € for the retrospective development of the Quality Mark statutes (development costs). The sum of 20.000,00 € is subject to value-added tax at the rate that is valid at the time of invoicing.

GSK issues an invoice for the admission fee after receipt of the application for admission. The admission fee is due for payment within 14 days of receipt of the invoice.

Payment of the admission fee is a prerequisite for the admission procedure to be carried out. After payment of the admission fee, the applicant is deemed to be a candidate for the quality mark.

There is no entitlement to a reimbursement of the admission fee.

5 Annual subscription

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The annual subscription for Full Members with coating material certificate is 2.000,00 €.
- 5.3 The annual subscription for Sustaining Members is 1.000,00 €.
- 5.4 The annual subscription will be charged by GSK in January and is due for payment on 31 January of a calendar year.

Members who join the association during the year have to pay the membership fee pro rata (calculated on a monthly basis). A started month is fully taken into account. The date of the official confirmation of admission by the association is decisive.

6 Quality mark owner without membership in the GSK

- 6.1 For companies, they would like to lead the quality mark without a membership of the GSK the unique equipment fee amounts to 35.000,00 €.
- 6.2 The processing fee per year is 2.500,00 €.
- 6.3 The following points of the contribution rules apply.

7 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.

7.1 Charge for the respective inspection approval of the coating process

7.1.1 For each inspection up to 5 hours in a production facility an inspection fee of 1.000,00 € is charged. Every extra hour is charged 250,00 €.

7.1.2 In addition, a travel allowance will be charged to cover the travel costs incurred. The travel costs are calculated from Fulda to the respective production location (linear distance).

These costs are staggered according to distance zones.

7.1.2.1	The travel allowance for Zone I (round trip between testing institute and production facility less than 750 km) is	600,00 €
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7.1.2.2	For Zone II (round trip between place of calculation and production facility less than 1.000 km) it is	800,00 €
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7.1.2.3	For Zone III (round trip between place of calculation and production facility less than 1.250 km) it is	1.000,00 €
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7.1.2.4	For Zone IV (round trip between place of calculation and production facility less than 1.500 km) it is	1.400,00 €
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7.1.2.5	For Zone V (round trip between place of calculation and production facility less than 3.000km) it is	1.750,00 €
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7.1.2.6	For Zone VI (China) it is	2.000,00 €
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7.1.2.7 The flat rate in distance zone VI will only be charged if the inspection can be carried out within a inspection tour with other companies. In case of an inspection outside a planned inspection tour, the travel costs will be charged according to expenditure.

7.1.2.8 Especially for distances in excess of Zone V, GSK can invoice for costs based on the existing arrangements between GSK and

the testing institutes. GSK is authorised to add a reasonable administration charge.

- 7.1.2.9 For companies that are in close proximity to each other (50 km), a discount of 50% is applied for the distance zone.
- 7.1.2.10 The inspection fee and the travel allowance shall be invoiced by GSK in January and shall be due for payment on 31 January of each calendar year.

8 Fee for laboratory tests for the approval of coating process

- 8.1 CD-test and adhesion strength 375,00 €

9 Charge for testing of coating material

- 9.1 For an initial test for approval of a coating material, the charge for each coating material is 3.500,00 €
- 9.2 The charge for a licence extension test (according to the valid Quality Mark statutes at the moment every three years) is 550,00 €
- 9.3 The manufacturers must register their coating system for renewal by March 31. The invoicing will take place at the beginning of April.

10 Not performable inspections as well as additional and re-inspections mandated by the quality

- 10.1 Purpose of the GSK is to ensure the quality of the coating processes and products of its member companies. Therefore, each member is obliged to have its production site inspected by an test institute commissioned by GSK. If an audit cannot be carried out for reasons for which the member company is responsible (e.g. production standstill) the member is nevertheless obliged to pay the inspection costs and the travel costs acc. to section 7.
- 10.2 The GSK will order an increase in external monitoring and re-inspections if serious deficiencies have been found in quality monitoring. The test fee for an increase in external monitoring or a re-inspection is 1.200 € for inspections up to 5 hours in a plant. Each additional hour is charged at 300 €.

11 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 surcharge of 20 % for expenses.

12 Additional administrative expenses

Certificates are made available to members free of charge in German and English as a PDF-document. For sending in paper form, an amount of 50,00 € plus postage costs will be charged. Each additional certificate will be charged at 10,00 €.

13 Exceptions

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

14 Maturity

All contributions are due for payment within 14 days of receipt of the invoice

15 Other provisions

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

16 Transitional rule

These Fee Regulations replace the Fee Regulations that have been valid since 15.10.2022 and come into force on 01.01.2024.

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