

COSMOS FEES

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The COSMOS-standard AISBL (COSMOS) is an international non-profit organisation. To finance its operations and services, COSMOS levies fees for clients (manufacturers or brand owners holding COSMOS certification or approval), authorised certification bodies and members.

This document provides an overview. Details of fees applicable to clients are available from all authorised certification bodies. Details of fees applicable to members and certification bodies are available at request from COSMOS.

1) Licence fees – applicable only to clients

All finished products that are COSMOS certified incur *licence fees* for the right to use the COSMOS ORGANIC and NATURAL signatures on the label.

The COSMOS licence fees are charged or covered by the respective certification body or the association, on behalf of COSMOS.

2) Registration fees – applicable only to clients

All COSMOS finished products, COSMOS certified ingredients and COSMOS approved raw materials incur *registration fees*. The fees are for the registration and publication of products and ingredients in the databases on the COSMOS website.

The COSMOS registration fees are charged by the respective certification body that audits the client, on behalf of COSMOS.

3) Membership fees - applicable only to members and applicants

COSMOS charges all members annual *membership fees* to support its obligatory functions. Applicants pay one-off *application fees* for the review of their eligibility.

Membership is mandatory for COSMOS authorised certification bodies.

4) Certification fees – applicable only to certification bodies

COSMOS charges all authorised certification bodies annual *certification fees* for the access to the COSMOS-standard. Applicant certification bodies pay one-off *authorisation fees* for the assessment of their application.