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**CERTIFICATION RULES**

**NF MARK**

**FIRE SAFETY  
PVC PIPES & CONNECTIONS  
PVC FILMS  
COATED TEXTILE BACKING**

**PART 6**

**APPLICABLE FEES – TERMS OF PAYMENT**

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## 6.1. APPLICABLE FEES

Fees for the services involved in obtaining certification and surveillance of certified products are indicated in a list of charges which may be revised annually. The list of charges for the current year is sent to all holders of the mark.

A special budget, decided each year in discussion with the committee, is set aside for promotional actions.

The fees are given in Euros, excluding tax. With regard to test fees, samples must be delivered to the Mark laboratory carriage-free and customs-cleared if necessary, within 15 days at most from the time of sampling.

Test invoices are dispatched as soon as the laboratory is in possession of the samples.

### 6.1.1. OBTAINING CERTIFICATION (for each production site)

SERVICES	FEE (EUROS)	
<b>Technical examination of the application</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> material - next material	1,255 379	
<b>Audit</b> : Fixed price for France or Europe (living and travelling expenses charged additionally : see § 6.1.6.)	Products certified NF055	Products non certified NF055
NF Fire safety (NF513)	3,707	4,766
NF Fire safety and NF Reaction to fire	4,237	5,296
<b>Tests</b>	§ 6.1.6	

### 6.1.2. CERTIFIED PRODUCT SURVEILLANCE (for each production site)

SERVICES	FEE (EUROS)	
<b>Quality monitoring of the application (for each material)</b>	367	
<b>Audit</b> : Fixed price for France or Europe (living and travelling expenses charged additionally : see § 6.1.6.)	Products certified NF055	Products non certified NF055
NF Fire safety (NF513)	1,589	2,119
NF Fire safety and NF Reaction to fire	2,119	2,649
<b>Tests</b>	§ 6.1.6	

### 6.1.3. EXTENSION OF ACCEPTANCE

SERVICES	FEE
<b>Examination of the application for each material</b>	379
<b>Tests</b>	§ 6.1.6.

### 6.1.4. MAINTENANCE APPLICATION

SERVICES	FEE
<b>Administration fees for each material</b>	379

**6.1.5. ADDITIONAL VERIFICATIONS**

SERVICES	FEE
<b>Examination of the application for each material</b>	703
<b>Audit</b> : preparing the audit, conducting the audit, producing the report and travelling (time) For one auditor, per audit day and day of travelling (living and travelling expenses charged additionally: see § 6.1.6.)	1,059
<b>Tests</b>	§ 6.1.6.

**6.1.6. FEES FOR EACH TYPE OF TEST**

Tests (for each factory and material)

- Test by radiation NF P 92-501 .....	€624
- Expansion test in the cone calorimeter .....	€597
- Oxygen index test NF EN ISO 4589-2 .....	€329

(\*) Regarding these fees, material means the product or range of products covered by the same official classification report.

**6.1.7. LIVING AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES ARE INVOICED AS FOLLOWS:**

Travel in mainland France

- living expenses

Food and accommodation expenses incurred by LNE (except those directly paid by the manufacturer) are subject to an all-in charge of €121 per night spent on site.

- travelling expenses

travelling expenses incurred by LNE (except those directly paid by the manufacturer) are subject to an invoice based on their actual cost.

Travel abroad

Food and accommodation expenses incurred by LNE (except those directly paid by the manufacturer) are subject to an all-in charge according to the scale applicable to the country concerned.

Travelling expenses incurred by LNE (except those directly paid by the manufacturer) are subject to an invoice based on their actual cost.

**6.1.8. CANCELLATION OF AN AUDIT**

Cancellation of an audit whose date has been fixed by agreement between LNE and the audited company is invoiced as follows:

- Ø cancellation 15 to 8 days before the scheduled date: 50 % of the audit fee
- Ø cancellation 7 to 3 days before the scheduled date: 75 % of the audit fee
- Ø cancellation 2 days before the scheduled date: 100 % of the audit fee.

## **6.2. TERMS OF PAYMENT**

### **6.2.1. COLLECTING PAYMENT**

The LABORATOIRE NATIONAL de METROLOGIE et D'ESSAIS, the Mandated Body, is empowered to collect all payments.

Invoices issued by LNE must be paid within 45 days.

The applicant or holder must settle these invoices under the terms set out: any failure on the part of the holder will prevent LNE from exercising the inspection and operating responsibilities incumbent on it by virtue of these regulations.

If the first enforcement order, sent by recorded delivery, does not result in payment of the total amount due within one month, LNE will be entitled to take measures of conservation with regard to the right to use the NF mark, for all the holder's accepted products.

### **6.2.2. OBTAINING CERTIFICATION**

The services payable for each factory are examination of the files, the audit and tests on the samples taken during this audit.

The fee for examination of the application is paid as a single sum when the application is filed and covers its examination (for a production site), its presentation to the Mark committee and contribution to the general operation of the Mark.

The test fee is payable once the laboratory in charge of the test is in possession of the samples.

No fees relating to examination of the application can be refunded, regardless of the result of the examination.

### **6.2.3. CERTIFIED PRODUCT SURVEILLANCE**

Invoicing covers the right to use the NF mark, passed on to AFNOR Certification, application follow-up, the audit and tests carried out on samples during this audit.

If acceptance is granted during the course of the year, the amounts invoiced correspond to the services provided. Invoices for tests are sent once the laboratory in charge of the tests is in possession of the samples.

After certification of a product, an annual right to use the NF Mark is invoiced to the holder and paid to AFNOR Certification.

This licence fee is intended to cover:

- general operation of the NF mark (organisation of quality assurance, monitoring of bodies in the NF network, management of the certification committee)
- defence of the NF mark: filing and protecting the mark, legal advice, processing of appeals, legal costs,
- contribution to the general promotion of the NF mark.

The fee for following up the application cannot be refunded even if a decision is made to withdraw the right of use.

#### **6.2.4. ADDITIONAL VERIFICATIONS**

Costs resulting from additional audits or tests are payable by the manufacturer, regardless of the results.

Additional examination of the application is also invoiced for the processing of inadequacies or anomalies observed by LNE or following sanctions proposed by the committee.

Inspections continue for as long as stocks of NF-marked products remain at the holder's premises and the corresponding fees continue to be charged.

#### **6.2.5. ADDITIONAL VERIFICATIONS**

Living and travelling expenses charged are payable by the manufacturer (applicant or holder).