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**Decree issued by the Ministry of the Environment
on chargeable goods and services provided by
environmental permit authorities
(1238/2003)**

Section 1 - Scope of application

This Decree gives stipulations on chargeable goods and services provided by environmental permit authorities, the criteria for these charges, and charges made for public law goods and services.

Section 2 - Chargeable public law goods and services

Services listed in the annex to this Decree are public law services for which there are fixed charges.

Section 3 - Goods and services priced on grounds of business economy

The following goods and services based on orders or other commissions are chargeable goods and services priced on the grounds of business economy:

- 1) training services;
- 2) provision of information and direct use of information systems;
- 3) use of premises in the possession of environmental permit authorities;
- 4) other copies of documents than those referred to in section 2;
- 5) other similar goods and services.



Section 4 - *Some provisions concerning the collection of public law charges*

- (1) A proportion of a sum listed in the annexed table of charges, corresponding to the amount of work carried out, is charged for applications which are cancelled or for which supplementary information is not provided.
- (2) Equal charges are made for favourable and unfavourable decisions unless the annexed table of charges stipulates otherwise.
- (3) If a court of law returns a case for re-processing on account of an appeal, what was charged in the matter for the previous environmental permit authorities decision will be deducted from the processing charge.

Section 5 - *Entry into force*

- (1) This Decree enters into force on January 1, 2004 and will remain in force until December 31, 2006.
- (2) Charges for goods and services concerning which action has been instituted before the entry into force of this Decree are made in accordance with provisions in force at the time of entry into force of this Decree.

**TABLE OF CHARGES**

Annex

Public law decisions, certificates and other public law goods and services by environmental permit authorities for which a fixed charge has been laid down

I Decisions

Environmental permits under the Environmental Protection Act (86/2000)

(the estimated average work load in person-workdays (pwd) is given after each item)

EUR

Forest industry

- pulp mill (80-140 pwd) 30,840
- paper or board mill or fibreboard plant (40-70 pwd) 15,420

Metal industry

- ore roasting plant or sintering or coking plant (70-120 pwd) 26,630
- ironworks or steelworks or metalworks producing iron alloys (50-85 pwd) 18,920
- metalworks producing nonferrous metals (70-120 pwd) 26,630

Energy production

- power plant, boiler plant or other plant with a maximum fuel power of over 300 megawatts (25-43 pwd) 9,530
- nuclear power plant (40-70 pwd)

Chemical industry

- oil or gas refinery (70-120 pwd) 26,630
- titanium oxide production (60-100 pwd) 22,430
- plant producing fertilizer mixes or intermediate products (70-120 pwd) 26,630



Excavation of ores or minerals or extraction of geological materials or mineral product manufacture	
- mining	
- amount quarried over 500,000 tonnes per year (75-125 pwd)	28,030
- amount quarried 100,000 tonnes per year (40-70 pwd)	15,420
- amount quarried under 100,000 tonnes per year (20-34 pwd)	7,570
- mechanized excavation of gold	
- amount excavated over 1,000 m ³ per year (5-9 pwd)	1,960
- amount excavated up to 1,000 m ³ per year (2.5-4.5 pwd)	980
- ore or mineral concentration plant (40-70 pwd)	15,420
- peat production	
- production area over 300 hectares (31-52 pwd)	5,820
- production area 30-300 hectares (16-26 pwd)	2,940
- production area under 30 hectares (8-13 pwd)	1,470
- plant handling asbestos or asbestos-based products (40-70 pwd)	15,420
Fish farming	
- fish farm	
- annual growth over 100,000 kg (23-37 pwd)	4,190
- annual growth 20,000-100,000 kg (11-19 pwd)	2,090
- annual growth under 20,000 kg (5.5-9.5 pwd)	1,050
- natural feed pond or group of ponds (5-9 pwd)	980



Transport

- harbour or loading or unloading dock (25-43 pwd) 9,530
- airfield (50-85 pwd) 18,920

Waste management and water supply

- municipal wastewater treatment plant
 - population equivalent over 50,000 (15-25 pwd) 2,800
 - population equivalent 4,000-50,000 (10-18 pwd) 1,960

The charge is 35% below that specified in the table if less work is required than is specified in the table, and 35% above it if more work is required.

A charge amounting to 50% of that specified in the table is applied to the handling of permit applications concerning material alteration of an activity (section 28(3) of the Environmental Protection Act). A charge amounting to 30% of the charge specified in the table is applied to the handling of applications for the review of permit regulations (section 55(2) of the Environmental Protection Act) and to applications made by the permit holder for amending a permit (section 58 of the Environmental Protection Act). If, however, the amount of work required by such a handling process corresponds to that required in the case of a new activity, a full charge is applied as specified in the table. If a technical change is made in an individual permit provision, 10% of the charge specified in the table is paid.

A charge equivalent to that specified in the Decree issued by the Ministry of the Environment on chargeable

goods and services provided by regional environment centres (1237/2003) is payable on the handling of a permit matter referred by a regional environment centre under section 31(1)(3) or section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act.

A combined payment is charged for handling a permit application concerning an operational unit under section 2 of the Environmental Protection Decree (169/2000) so that 50% is added to the handling charge for activities in the highest charge group as the proportion accounting for the other activities in the operational unit. If the operational unit includes activities for which the competent permit authority is the local environmental protection authority, 50% of the tariff of the municipality in question is charged.

If the matter in question is other than an environmental permit matter concerning activities listed in the above table or if the charge given in the table is unreasonably high in relation to the amount of work required to handle the permit, a charge of EUR 38.50 per hour is applied to the handling process.

Other decisions based on the Environmental Protection Act

Handling of notifications concerning experimental activities 970

Water management issues under the Water Act (264/1961)
(the estimated average work load in person-workdays (pwd) is given after each item)

Matters under chapter 2 of the Water Act

- bridge or transport facility (3.5-6.5 pwd) 700
- conduit (1.5-2.5 pwd) 280



-	reservoir including regulation	
-	over 50 km ² (100-170 pwd)	21,020
-	10-50 km ² (70-120 pwd)	13,320
-	1-10 km ² (35-60 pwd)	6,660
-	under 1 km ² (17-28 pwd)	3,150
-	dredging or infill work in water areas	
-	over 200,000 m ³ theoretical volume (20-35 pwd)	3,850
-	20,000-200,000 m ³ theoretical volume (10-18 pwd)	1,960
-	4,000-20,000 m ³ theoretical volume (6-10 pwd)	1,120
-	under 4,000 m ³ theoretical volume (2.5-4.5 pwd)	490
-	submerged dam or other stationary dam damming up water areas	
-	over 4 km ² (15-25 pwd)	2,800
-	0.5 km ² -4 km ² (8-13 pwd)	1,470
-	up to 0.5 km ² (4-7 pwd)	770
-	jetty for over 50 boats (10-18 pwd)	1,960
-	other project as referred to in chapter 2 of the Water Act (2.5-4.5 pwd)	490

Matters relating to power plants

-	power plant permit not including regulation of an upstream reservoir (40-70 pwd)	7,710
-	power plant and regulation of a water area of over 50 km ² (100-170 pwd)	18,920
-	power plant and regulation of a water area of 10-50 km ² (70-120 pwd)	13,320
-	power plant and regulation of a water area under 10 km ² (50-85 pwd)	9,460
-	mill or small power plant under one megawatt or other matter concerning water power or power plants (10-18 pwd)	1,960

Matters concerning navigation channels and other water traffic areas

- designation as a public channel (15-25 pwd) 2,800
- designation as a public local channel (7-13 pwd) 1,400
- alteration or discontinuation of a channel, installation of a safety device or dumping of dredged spoil (3.5-6.5 pwd) 700

Matters relating to timber floating

- confirmation of log floating regulations in the case of a single location (10-18 pwd) 1,960
 - additional charge per location beginning from second location in the case of several locations, EUR 970 per location
- repealing of log floating regulations and obligation to take measures (10-18 pwd) 1,960
- repealing of log floating regulations without measures (5-9 pwd) 980
- discontinuation of a log-floating association, sale of assets, designation of an agent or other matter related to a log-floating association (1.5-2.5 pwd) 280
- other matter relating to log floating (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490

Matters relating to ditching (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490

Matters relating to water depth regulation

- water depth regulation in a useful area of over 1,000 hectares (40-70 pwd) 7,710
- water depth regulation in a useful area of 400-1,000 hectares (20-35 pwd) 3,850
- water depth regulation in a useful area of under 400 hectares (10-18 pwd) 1,960



- matter relating to water depth regulation companies
(1.5-2.5 pwd) 280

Matters relating to flow regulation

- flow regulation in a water area of over 50 km² (75-130 pwd) 14,370
- flow regulation in a water area of 10-50 km² (40-70 pwd) 7,710
- flow regulation in a water area of under 10 km² (15-25 pwd) 2,800
- matter relating to flow regulation companies (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490

Matters relating to conducting water and to groundwater

- abstraction of surface water and groundwater
 - over 500 m³/d (5-9 pwd) 980
 - up to 500m³/d (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490
- permit to abstract water and designation of buffer zone (10-18 pwd) 1,960
- designation of buffer zone (5-9 pwd) 980
- extraction of aggregates
 - over 50,000 m³ (7-11 pwd) 1,260
 - up to 50,000 m³ (3.5-6 pwd) 670
- other matter relating to groundwater (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490

Other decision under the Water Act (2.5-4.5 pwd) 490

50% of the handling charge for a relevant permit matter is charged for a final inspection under chapter 18 of the Water Act.

The charge is 35% below that specified in the table if less work is required than is specified in the table, and 35% above it if more work is required.



A charge amounting to 50% of that specified in the table is applied to the handling of applications concerning alteration or review of a permit. If a technical change is made in an individual permit provision, 10% of the charge specified in the table is paid.

If a decision document comprises several decisions on water management issues listed as chargeable in the table of charges and they constitute a single entity serving one and the same purpose or if the issue at hand is one to be handled through joint processing under section 39 of the Environmental Protection Act, the charge payable is that for the matter with the highest charge.

A charge of EUR 195 is payable for handling minor matters initiated solely for private purposes.

No charge is payable by central or local government authorities carrying out duties relating to supervision of legality or public interest as laid down in the Water Act (chapter 2, section 14(3), section 22(4) and sections 27-30; chapter 4, section 3a; chapter 5, section 30(3); chapter 7, section 6a; chapter 8, section 10a(3) and section 10b; chapter 12, section 19; and chapter 21, sections 1-4).

II Certificates and copies

Diary and register extract certificate or extract	EUR 17
Certificate of validity	EUR 40.20
Copies of documents	
- first 1-10 pages	0.70 per page
- following 11-100 pages	0.35 per page
- from 101 upwards	0.20 per page
- service fee	EUR 3.90 per delivery



- certification of a document as correct
EUR 3.90 per document

III Other goods and services

Matters relating to compensations

- matter
involving an inspection 4,830
- other compensation matter EUR 20 per hour
up to EUR 4,830

Administrative compulsion matters initiated by other than the authorities or an injured party, if the initiation is deemed manifestly without foundation (section 105 of the Environmental Protection Act and chapter 21, section 9 of the Water Act) 390

No charge is payable for handling compensation matters initiated by an injured party.