

Decision of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency on the financial arrangements for the transfer of a proportion of fees to the member states

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, and in particular Article 74(4) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 340/2008 of 16 April 2008 on the fees and charges payable to the European Chemicals Agency pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), and in particular Article 14(2) thereof,

WHEREAS,

1. A proportion of the fees and charges collected by the European Chemicals Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") should be transferred to the relevant Member State Competent Authority for work done in the context of a substance evaluation procedure or for rapporteur work done in the Risk Assessment Committee and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (hereinafter referred to as "the Committees") in the context of restrictions proposals or of applications for authorisation pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.
2. It is for the Management Board, following a favourable opinion from the Commission, to establish financial arrangements for such transfers, including the amounts to be transferred.
3. The amounts to be transferred should be fixed in compliance with the principle of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and at a level that ensures that the Agency continues to have available sufficient financial resources to undertake its tasks as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, having regard to its existing budgetary appropriations and pluriannual estimates of income, including the planned European Union subsidy as laid down in the MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework) 2021-2027.
4. In fixing the amounts to be transferred account should be taken of the workload and related costs of the Competent Authorities of the Member States. The amounts transferred are not in all cases foreseen to compensate for the entire costs occurring to the Member State Competent Authorities.
5. The amounts to be transferred envisaged in this Decision have been calculated on the basis of experience gained and reports on time spent received from the Member State Competent Authorities.
6. Differences in earnings and cost of living of the different Member States should also be taken into account.

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7. The country correction coefficients published annually by the European Commission continue to be regarded as the most appropriate basis to adjust the work-day costs to the cost levels in the Member States and serve as a baseline coefficient which is adapted for Finland. The country correction coefficients are updated by ECHA Secretariat in line with the European Commission's updates.
8. As foreseen by Regulation (EC) No 340/2008, a maximum proportion of the fees and charges to be transferred to the Competent Authorities should be set on a pluriannual basis.
9. Where the Committees decide to appoint a co-rapporteur, the transfer should be divided between the rapporteur and the co-rapporteur.
10. The provision of services by Committee members should be governed by a written contract between the Agency and the employer of the person concerned.

Following a favourable opinion from the Commission, Commission Decision C(2024)3464 final of 30 May 2024,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Scope of transfer

A transfer of a proportion of fees and charges received by the Agency shall apply to

- The conclusion of a substance evaluation procedure pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 by a Member State Competent Authority;
- Rapporteur work done in the Risk Assessment Committee and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis in the context of a restrictions proposal pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006;
- Rapporteur work done in the Committee for Risk Assessment and the Committee for Socio-economic analysis in the context of an authorisation application pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

Article 2
Scale of payments

1. The scale of payments for substance evaluation and rapporteur work in restriction processes is set in an Annex to this Decision. The payments are calculated on the basis of the maximum workload of

(a) Substance evaluation

Up to 65 days. In case of the evaluation of a group of structurally similar substances or in case where the substance is placed on the Community rolling action plan (CoRAP) again due to new information becoming available after the conclusion of a previous substance evaluation, a specific agreement can be made between the Agency and the evaluating Member State for a proportional reduction of the payment.

(b) Restriction

Up to 40 days for RAC rapporteur work per basic case;

Up to 80 days for RAC rapporteur work per standard case;

Up to 150 days for RAC rapporteur work per complex case;

Up to 50 days for SEAC rapporteur work per basic case;

Up to 90 days for SEAC rapporteur work per standard case;

Up to 180 days for SEAC rapporteur work per complex case,

multiplied by the Agency's work-day cost, and adjusted with a country correction coefficient.

2. The complexity of each case shall be determined before the appointment of the rapporteur(s) by the Chairs of the Committees on the basis of an assessment made by the Secretariat. The assessment shall be based on criteria adopted by the Executive Director of the Agency for that purpose, in compliance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. When adopting the criteria, the Executive Director must take into account the limits set out in Article 6 of this Decision and ensure that these limits are not exceeded.
3. Payments shall be limited to the number of days reported by the evaluating Member State or rapporteurs when lower than the number of reference days mentioned in paragraph 1.
4. In case of contracts covering multiple similar substances, the number of reference days is defined by the specific agreement between the Agency and the evaluating Member State as referred to in paragraph 1(a) above.
5. The scale of payment for rapporteurs work done in the context of authorisation applications per rapporteur of each Committee will consist of 12.5% of the application specific base fee and, where relevant, additional application specific fees determined as follows:
 - The application specific base fee shall, irrespective of the applicant being a non-SME, medium, small or micro enterprise as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 340/2008 consist of 76.6% of the standard base fee as set out in Table 1 of Annex VI to that Regulation.
 - Additional application specific fees shall, irrespective of the applicant being a non-SME, medium, small or micro enterprise as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 340/2008, consist of 76.6% of the standard additional fees as set out in Table 1 of Annex VI to that Regulation.
6. In compliance with the principle of economy, efficiency and effectiveness work-day costs are set at EUR 450. This cost is to be adjusted by the country correction coefficients used by the European Commission to adjust salaries as set out in the Annex to this Decision in line with the principle that the transferred fees and charges from ECHA to the Member State Competent Authorities reflect the cost of living in these Member States. The Annex shall be updated annually by ECHA Secretariat when new country coefficient corrections are available at the European Commission. The Management Board shall be informed accordingly.

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7. Any review shall be without prejudice to the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, and the need to ensure that the Agency has sufficient resources available to undertake its tasks as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, having regard to its existing budgetary appropriations and pluriannual estimates of income, including a Community subsidy.

Article 3

Collecting data on actual workload and salary cost

In carrying out tasks referred to in Article 1, the respective rapporteur or the Member State Competent Authority shall fill in time sheets provided by the Agency to establish the actual time spent. These shall be forwarded to the Agency.

Article 4

Contractual arrangements

1. Each Member State shall nominate entities, including a Member State Competent Authority, which shall be parties to a Framework Contract with the Agency for the payment of the amounts to be transferred under this Decision.
2. The Executive Director shall put in place the necessary contractual and administrative arrangements in conformity with the financial rules applicable to the Agency.

Article 5

Payments

1. A transfer is only payable where a contract for the work to be executed has been signed between the Agency and the parties to the Framework Contract referred to in Article 4(1), and the tasks have been carried out according to the contract.
2. On request by a Competent Authority, an advance payment of a maximum of 30% of a total amount transferable under substance evaluation to a Member State Competent Authority shall be authorised at the time of signing of the Service Agreement for a specific substance to be evaluated between it and the Agency. In the event that a Member State Competent Authority fails to complete the evaluation in accordance with the agreed-upon specifications, the advance payment shall be refunded to the Agency.
3. Payments shall be made in euros within 30 days of the date when the delivery of work was accepted either by the Committee concerned, or in the case of substance evaluation, by the Agency.
4. Where a Committee appoints a co-rapporteur, the transfer shall be divided according to the agreement on the division that the rapporteurs have communicated to the Agency and which has been included in the contract.

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Article 6

The maximum proportion

1. The maximum proportion of the fees and charges which can be transferred to Member States is fixed at
 - 25% of the application specific base fees related to authorisation applications and reviews as defined in Article 2(5) of this Decision for rapporteur work done in the Committee for Risk Assessment and the Committee for Socio-economic analysis in the context of an authorisation application pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, and
 - 5% of the Agency's registration fee income under Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 for that period for the conclusion of a substance evaluation procedure by a Member State Competent Authority or rapporteur work done in the Risk Assessment Committee and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis in the context of a restriction proposal pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

The overall ceiling in absolute amount of the fees which can be transferred to Member States is fixed at EUR 1.5 million per year.

2. The Agency shall continuously monitor the level of payments and adjust the level of payments if there are indications that the limits set in paragraph 1 may be exceeded.

Article 7

Review and reporting

The Management Board Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks shall review the Decision annually and propose a revision to the Management Board, if appropriate.

Article 8

Final provisions

1. This Decision and the estimates of income on which it is based are without prejudice to the Communication from the Commission on the Programming of human and financial resources for decentralised agencies for the period of the MFF 2021-2027 and the subsequent updates in the EU's financial programming.
2. This Decision shall apply from the date of signature. It repeals Decision MB/32/2020 of the Management Board of 21 December 2020.
3. Provisions of the Management Board Decision 21/2020 shall still apply to calculation of remuneration for work under the substance evaluation procedure, (co-) rapporteurship, meeting attendance and services that were performed or contracted before the entry into force of this Decision.

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For the Management Board

[signed]

Paul Krajnik, Chair of the Management Board

Annex: Scale of Payments applicable in 2024¹

Transfer of Fees to Member States Scale of Payments 2024										
Country	Country Coefficient ¹	Cost per work day	Cost per work day per country	RAC Basic Dossier	RAC Standard Dossier	RAC Complex Dossier	SEAC Basic Dossier	SEAC Standard Dossier	SEAC Complex dossier	Substance evaluation
				40 days	80 days	150 days	50 days	90 days	180 days	65 days
Austria	112.0	450.00 €	504.00 €	20 160 €	40 320 €	75 600 €	25 200 €	45 360 €	90 720 €	32 760 €
Belgium	100.0	450.00 €	450.00 €	18 000 €	36 000 €	67 500 €	22 500 €	40 500 €	81 000 €	29 250 €
Bulgaria	68.6	450.00 €	308.70 €	12 348 €	24 696 €	46 305 €	15 435 €	27 783 €	55 566 €	20 066 €
Cyprus	82.5	450.00 €	371.25 €	14 850 €	29 700 €	55 688 €	18 563 €	33 413 €	66 825 €	24 131 €
Croatia	84.8	450.00 €	381.60 €	15 264 €	30 528 €	57 240 €	19 080 €	34 344 €	68 688 €	24 804 €
Czech Republic	102.9	450.00 €	463.05 €	18 522 €	37 044 €	69 458 €	23 153 €	41 675 €	83 349 €	30 098 €
Denmark	131.4	450.00 €	591.30 €	23 652 €	47 304 €	88 695 €	29 565 €	53 217 €	106 434 €	38 435 €
Estonia	98.9	450.00 €	445.05 €	17 802 €	35 604 €	66 758 €	22 253 €	40 055 €	80 109 €	28 928 €
Finland	118.6	450.00 €	533.70 €	21 348 €	42 696 €	80 055 €	26 685 €	48 033 €	96 066 €	34 691 €
France	119.5	450.00 €	537.75 €	21 510 €	43 020 €	80 663 €	26 888 €	48 398 €	96 795 €	34 954 €
Germany	103.4	450.00 €	465.30 €	18 612 €	37 224 €	69 795 €	23 265 €	41 877 €	83 754 €	30 245 €
Greece	89.6	450.00 €	403.20 €	16 128 €	32 256 €	60 480 €	20 160 €	36 288 €	72 576 €	26 208 €
Hungary	86.7	450.00 €	390.15 €	15 606 €	31 212 €	58 523 €	19 508 €	35 114 €	70 227 €	25 360 €
Iceland	137.3	450.00 €	617.85 €	24 714 €	49 428 €	92 678 €	30 893 €	55 607 €	111 213 €	40 160 €
Ireland	139.6	450.00 €	628.20 €	25 128 €	50 256 €	94 230 €	31 410 €	56 538 €	113 076 €	40 833 €
Italy	97.3	450.00 €	437.85 €	17 514 €	35 028 €	65 678 €	21 893 €	39 407 €	78 813 €	28 460 €
Latvia	88.0	450.00 €	396.00 €	15 840 €	31 680 €	59 400 €	19 800 €	35 640 €	71 280 €	25 740 €
Lithuania	93.4	450.00 €	420.30 €	16 812 €	33 624 €	63 045 €	21 015 €	37 827 €	75 654 €	27 320 €
Luxembourg	100.0	450.00 €	450.00 €	18 000 €	36 000 €	67 500 €	22 500 €	40 500 €	81 000 €	29 250 €
Malta	93.2	450.00 €	419.40 €	16 776 €	33 552 €	62 910 €	20 970 €	37 746 €	75 492 €	27 261 €
Netherlands	114.6	450.00 €	515.70 €	20 628 €	41 256 €	77 355 €	25 785 €	46 413 €	92 826 €	33 521 €
Norway	120.3	450.00 €	541.35 €	21 654 €	43 308 €	81 203 €	27 068 €	48 722 €	97 443 €	35 188 €
Poland	80.5	450.00 €	362.25 €	14 490 €	28 980 €	54 338 €	18 113 €	32 603 €	65 205 €	23 546 €
Portugal	96.6	450.00 €	434.70 €	17 388 €	34 776 €	65 205 €	21 735 €	39 123 €	78 246 €	28 256 €
Romania	74.6	450.00 €	335.70 €	13 428 €	26 856 €	50 355 €	16 785 €	30 213 €	60 426 €	21 821 €
Slovakia	84.8	450.00 €	381.60 €	15 264 €	30 528 €	57 240 €	19 080 €	34 344 €	68 688 €	24 804 €
Slovenia	91.9	450.00 €	413.55 €	16 542 €	33 084 €	62 033 €	20 678 €	37 220 €	74 439 €	26 881 €
Spain	94.7	450.00 €	426.15 €	17 046 €	34 092 €	63 923 €	21 308 €	38 354 €	76 707 €	27 700 €
Sweden	115.8	450.00 €	521.10 €	20 844 €	41 688 €	78 165 €	26 055 €	46 899 €	93 798 €	33 872 €

¹ Eurostat Report on the Annual Adjustment of Remuneration and Pensions - Appendix 1a - 1 July 2023

¹ To be updated when the Commission updates the country co-efficients.