

Certification fees for food businesses to Soil Association standards or organic regulations (in GB or NI)



Application fees are payable on application and cover your first year with us.

Annual fees are based on your total organic certified sales each year, and are payable on your annual renewal date.

Fees include your annual inspection and all core services throughout the year.

Certification fee	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£1,070
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales of £282,322 and under,	£1,070
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales between £282,323 and £2,858,625	0.00379 multiplied by your organic certified sales
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £2,858,626	0.00379 multiplied by your organic certified sales for the first £2,858,625, plus 0.00189 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £2,858,626 and £5,301,450, plus 0.00126 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £5,301,451 and £27,388,515, plus 0.000379 multiplied by your organic certified sales over £27,388,516

Contracted storage or wholesale of pre-packaged organic food or drink products

If you store or wholesale certified organic products* that are fully packed and sealed, do not bear your company branding in any way, and are sourced from suppliers with Great Britain, the following fees will apply:

	Fee
Application/annual fee	£445
Inspection fee**	£625

* wholesaling licences are not required under GB or NI regulations for organic health and beauty or textile products

** frequency of inspections will be determined on a risk assessment basis

If you are trading loose or unenclosed organic products, you will require a processing licence, but may qualify for a different fee structure, please ask for details when applying for your organic processing licence.

Abattoirs and butchers

To further support the Soil Association's animal welfare programme, we offer a reduced fee to abattoirs and butchers with certified organic sales of less than £164,908

	Fee
Application/annual fee	£625
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales between £164,908 and £2,858,625	0.00379 multiplied by your organic certified sales
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £2,858,626	0.00379 multiplied by your organic certified sales for the first £2,858,625, plus 0.00189 multiplied by your organic certified sales between 2,858,626 and £5,301,450, plus 0.00126 multiplied by your organic certified sales between 5,301,451 and £27,388,515, plus 0.000379 multiplied by your organic certified sales over £27,388,516

Transferring from another certification body

We offer a discounted fee for businesses transferring from other certification bodies for the first year. This fee will be charged at the cost of inspection for the first year (see inspection fee in below table). Any additional sites requiring inspection during this period are not included in this fee. We can help you to easily transfer your UK organic certificate to Soil Association certification – please contact us for more information <https://www.soilassociation.org/certification/food-drink/get-in-touch/>.

Brandholders

	What to declare
Brandholders who source fully-packed and labelled products from non-SA certified suppliers, sell retail only, and do not carry out purchase of ingredients or manufacture	Please declare the purchase price paid to your supplier – fees will be based on our standard fee structure on page 1

Brandholders who purchase pre-packaged retail products and sell them to other businesses, having not carried out any processing/labelling, and have not taken ownership of raw materials.	If purchasing from SA certified suppliers declare the difference between your purchase and sales price If purchasing from non-SA certified suppliers declare entire sales value - fees will be based on our standard fee structure on page 1
Symbol User Agreement - Brandholders who source fully-packed and labelled products from SA-certified suppliers, have the SA symbol applied to their products, sell direct to consumers only, and do not carry out purchase of ingredients or manufacture	£345 on application and annually
Contracted symbol users (subject to our agreement, your subcontracted manufacturers can apply the symbol to your products regardless of their certification body)	£137 per contract on application and annually

Additional schemes	Fee
Canadian Organic Regime (COR) standards	£1838
Canadian Organic Regime (COR) Aquaculture Attestation of Compliance	£1838
NOP (National Organic Programme)	Fees to be quoted on an individual basis
JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) for exporting products to Japan	Fees to be quoted on an individual basis
Inspection to Naturland standards	£1,070 payable direct to Naturland plus inspection fee quoted on an individual basis
AB logo, for exporting products to France (optional use of an additional logo)	£105
PWAB (US Export Checklist)	£250
Inspection to Bio Suisse standards	£525
Remote compliance inspection	£210
Certificates for Export	£40

BRCGS	Fee
BRCGS audit and certification fee, with certification provided by 5* BRCGS certifier Kiwa PAI – for more information call us on 0117 914	£4,133 (includes up to two days/16hrs audit <u>and all expenses</u>)
BRCGS audit and certification fee for BRCGS Storage & Distribution (S&D)	£3,716 (for a one day audit and <u>includes all expenses</u>)

BRCGS Agents & Brokers standard only (A&B). Gluten Free Certification Programme (GFCP).	£3,251
BRCGS voluntary modules (AVM audits) E.g., FSMA, Gluten Free, Meat Supply Chain	£965
Additional half day (or part of) audit.	£996 (includes all expenses)
Certificate extension fee.	£1,950
Cancellation fee if cancelled within 28 days of agreed inspection date	£530 / day (plus any incurred travel and accommodation fees)

Additional inspections

If more than one day is required for annual inspection, or an additional inspection is required during the year, these are charged at £625 .

Inspection cancellations

	Fee
Less than 10 working days' but more than 5 working days' notice given	£312.50
Less than 5 working days' notice given	£625

We reserve the right to pass on travel costs already incurred when an inspection is cancelled with less than a month's notice.

Certification Fees for International Inspections

As a client on the Non-UK SA Only Processor scheme with an inspection address outside the United Kingdom you are expected to pay international inspection fees when an onsite inspection is required (for your initial application inspection or due to an identified risk).

	Fee	
	Europe	Rest of World
Travel, accommodation/ expenses	£625	£1560
Inspector Travel Day	£340	£340
Additional Inspection Day*	£625	£625

*to cover inspections of any subcontractors or off site storage facilities

All translation and interpreting costs as well as any additional inspector travel days will be charged for after the inspection has taken place.

Paying by instalments

Fees for UK-based businesses can be paid in six monthly instalments by way of a credit agreement from Premium Credit. For further information please contact our Credit Controller on creditcontrol@soilassociation.org or 0117 914 2456.

VAT

All fees are exclusive of VAT.