

#### FINANCIAL RULES FOR THE CERTIFICATION MANAGED BY PROCERTUS SECTOR: STEEL

#### Tariff valid from 01.01.2025 Indexation tariff as per decision of the Management body of PROCERTUS of 18.12.2024 This tariff cancels and replaces all previous versions

### **1** Entrance fee

The entrance fee for an initial certification is set out in the table below:

Product	Mark	Entrance fee	
		€ 5800,00	
Producers of coils and bars, welded fabrics, flat panels, lattice girders, prestressing steels		€ 2900,00 per type of additional product (BE500S, BE500TS, BE500ES, BE500RS, DE500BS, welded fabrics, flat panels and lattice girders)	
Distributors (incl. processors and producers of mechanical connections)	BENOR	€ 3250,00	
Processors		€ 292,00 supplementary to the fee for distributors	
Mechanical connections		€ 1160,00 supplementary to the fee for distributors	
Lighting columns, vertical traffic signs, structural steels, steel and aluminium structures	CE	€ 1491,00	
Steel and aluminium	PROCERTUS		

Payment of the entrance fee is a prerequisite for the execution of the initial visit. The entrance fee cannot be reimbursed if the application does not lead to certification.

# **2** Evaluation (inspection)

The cost of the evaluation (inspection) is determined as set out below:

- 1. Personnel:
  - Auditor and/or assessor cost 127,68 €/HR
- 2. Travel:
  - In Belgium: fixed rate for the use of the car and the time of the personnel 375,00 €
  - Abroad:
    - o rate of € 0,4329/kilometer for the use of the company car
    - o other necessary travel expenses at actual cost

Remarks:

- a) PROCERTUS adds 30% to the charges for the BENOR mark and 38% for the CE mark and PROCERTUS mark (for operating costs, coordination costs, accreditation management costs, use and control of the licence, etc ...)
- b) The entire inspection time is charged: examination of technical file, preparation of visit, visit duration, duration of travel, preparation of report, meetings, ...
- c) Cancelled visit: In case of a visit cancelled less than 48 hours beforehand by the certificate holder (incl. distributor), an amount of € 505,86 will be charged. In addition, for each cancelled visit, all costs already incurred will be charged.
- d) The inspection cost for the distributors of BENOR steel is already included in the certification fee.
- e) The inspection cost is determined at a flat rate based on the specific situation and history of inspections in the company. This flat rate may be revised annually based on the previous year's actual costs. If this history does not yet exist, such as for an initial certification, the actual cost will be charged. Real costs are also charged for travel abroad.
- f) PROCERTUS reserves the right to provide certain services only upon advance payment of them, or upon payment of an advance upon approval of the offer.



### **3** Contribution after granting the certificate

The contribution after granting the certificate is fixed in the table below:

Product	Mark	Yearly contribution to the certification <sup>2</sup>	Modification of the certificate (e.g. transfert)
Producers of coils and bars, welded fabrics, flat panels, lattice girders and prestressing steels	BENOR	1491,00 € 398,00 € for an additional certificate	€ 398,00
Mechanical connections and processors		398,00 €	
Distributors		1102,00 € + 0,40 €/ton <sup>1</sup>	
Lighting columns, vertical traffic signs, structural steels, steel and aluminium structures	CE	1491,00 € 398,00 € for an additional certificate	
Steel and aluminium	PROCERTUS	398,00€	

<sup>1</sup> The calculation of the billing amount for year n is based on the tonnage of BENOR steel purchased directly from producers in year n - 1 on the assumption that the certificate was valid throughout the whole year n - 1. If the latter is not the case, the billing amount is based on the purchased tonnage in the period covered by the certificate of year n.

<sup>2</sup> The fee is due by civil year and is indivisible. The fee remains due during a suspension (voluntary or not) of the certification. If the entrance fee had already been charged in the same civil year, no yearly fixed contribution is due. The contribution based on tonnage is due from the date of granting the certificate.

## 4 Costs of the control tests

The costs of the external control tests are paid according to the tariff of the control laboratory chosen among the list of subcontractors. The tariff can be directly obtained from the chosen laboratory.

#### **5** Indexation

The tariff is linked to the index as determined by the Auxiliary Parity Committee for Employees (CP 200) in Belgium. The revised tariff is published on each amendment.

#### 6 Payment and invoicing

The yearly contribution to the certification is invoiced at the beginning of the year.

If a flat rate can be determined for the inspection cost for the full year (e.g. BENOR certificate holders in Belgium), this amount is divided per quarter and invoiced at the beginning of each quarter.

PROCERTUS' General Sales Conditions are available on the website <u>www.procertus.be</u>.