

## Application and Participating Operator Fees

All applicants to become RSB certified Participating Operators pay a non-refundable application fee of \$500 (USD), due along with the submission of the RSB registration application.

### RSB Licence Fees

The RSB rate schedule breaks down along lines corresponding to the product chain of custody. The Licence Fee is payable on all land area and volumes associated with sites and facilities within the Participating Operator's Scope of Certification.

Your certification can include more than one category of operator. For example, if the certification covers a biodiesel producer and an independent trader, the fees for “Industrial Operator” and for “Independent Trader” are both applicable, as well the number of sites or offices.

## Licencing Fees for Advanced Products

### 2.1. Feedstock Producer

With respect to the feedstock producer, the fee is based on the number of hectares dedicated to primary feedstock production, based on the cultivation area recorded in the PO certification documents.

**Table 2.1. Fees for feedstock producers**

<b>Feedstock Producer (cultivated area)</b>	<b>Variable fees per hectare (USD)</b>
Up to 150 hectares	No charge
151 to 500 hectares	\$0.95 per ha
501 to 1,000 hectares	\$0.75 per ha
> 1,000 hectares	\$0.50 per ha
<b>Maximum feedstock producer fee*</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

\*per annum

### 2.2. Industrial Operators

The fee for industrial operators producing Advanced Products is calculated based on the amount of products sold or delivered as RSB certified during the year (in Metric Tons).

A volume-based fee of 0.05% of the price of sold RSB certified product by weight based on spot price in country of production, or price of comparable product, is applied. POs can also provide pricing data<sup>1</sup>. Where POs produce more than one type of product, the volume-based fee is calculated for each product and the sum of product fees will be the annual PO fee.

**Table 2.2.1 Fees for Advanced Products producers**

<b>Industrial Operator: Advanced Products</b>	
<b>Volume-based fee</b>	<b>0.05% of price of sold RSB-certified product X volume (metric tons)</b>
<b>Minimum Fee per year</b> (applicable where volume-based fee is less than USD 1,000 per year)	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Maximum Fee per year (USD)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Table 2.2.2 Example of annual fees for Advanced Product producer**

Advanced product name	Bio-polyethylene
Annual Production (output sold as RSB certified) in metric tons	60,000
Market price of the Advanced Product (USD/metric ton)	500
0.05% of the market price	0.25
Total annual fee (USD)	=60,000*0.25 = 15,000

### 2.3. Traders

Traders are organisations buying and selling materials or products, including raw materials, intermediates and final products. Examples of traders include distributors, blenders, wholesale and retail companies (also companies selling to end-consumers) as well as airlines or shipping companies selling transport services to their clients.

For traders working in advanced product supply chains a licencing fee is charged for each office and/or site. This data is independent of the amount of RSB products sold or handled by the entities. For PO fees, RSB recognises three categories of traders:

<sup>1</sup> The spot price will be informed by the PO to RSB when preparing the PO report (for the RSB annual fee billing process). The value and its reference source will be verified by the auditor during the annual audits and registered in the RSB auditor's checklist.

### **2.3.1 Trader associated exclusively with production sites (industrial operators):**

Trader activities and respective RSB claims are limited to the products within the same certificate scope of an industrial operator.

For example, the trader only trades product from a single certified participating operator. This type of trader pays an annual fee of \$100 (USD) per office and/or \$100 (USD) per site.

#### **2.3.1 Independent Trader:**

Independent Trader refers to the cases where the trader is the RSB Participating Operator, making its own RSB claims, and may buy and sell certified products from/to other certified operators. This operator pays a fee of \$1,000 (USD) per office and/or \$1,000 (USD) per site.

#### **2.3.1. Retailer of end-products:**

Please contact the RSB Secretariat for details on applicable fees.

### **2.4. Pilot and Demonstration Facilities:**

The annual fee is USD 1,000 per facility.

A facility must be used for the purpose of demonstrating, testing, and or concept evaluation of biofuel or biomass technology, processes, crop strains, etc. Any production in line with these objectives shall not be considered as commercial.

If demonstration facilities are selling products to the market, the amounts sold as RSB certified shall be reported under "industrial operators" for calculating the PO annual fee based on the volumes of RSB products sold.