

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 Heat and Power supply chains

For integrated supply chains (i.e. included within the scope of a single RSB certificate) a maximum annual fee of \$30,000 (USD) is payable.

1. Feedstock Producer

The fee for feedstock producers is based on the number of hectares dedicated to primary feedstock production, based on the cultivation area recorded in the PO certification documents.

Table 1. Fees for feedstock producers

Feedstock Producer (cultivated area)	Variable fees per hectare (USD)
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
Maximum feedstock producer fee*	\$25,000

*per annum

2. Industrial Operators

The fee for industrial operators is calculated based on the amount of products sold or delivered as RSB certified during the year (in Metric Tons). Minimum annual fee of \$1,000 (USD) (applicable where the volume-based fee is less than \$1,000 (USD) per year).

Table 2.1 Fees for industrial operators

Industrial Operator: heat and power supply chains	
Volume-based fee (USD)	0.08
Minimum Fee per year (applicable where volume-based fee is less than \$1,000 (USD) per year)	\$1,000
Maximum Fee per year (USD)	\$30,000

Table 2.2 Example of fees for industrial operators

Type of product	Pellets
Annual Production (output sold as RSB certified) in metric tons	300,000
Volume-based fee (USD)	0.08
Total annual fee (USD)	$=300,000 \times 0.08 = 24,000$

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 (including companies selling to end-consumers).

Traders of biomass and non-bio based feedstocks are charged a volume-based fee up to a maximum of \$10,000 (USD).

Table 3.1

Annual Trading Volume (sold as RSB certified)	Fixed fee (USD)
<50,000 metric tons	\$1,000
50 – 250,000 metric tons	\$5,000
>250,000 metric tons	\$10,000

4. End-users

For certified end-users (e.g. power plants or other end-user industries making RSB claims or declaring to regulators that they are using RSB compliant materials), RSB charges volume-based fees up to a maximum of US\$15,000. The volumes refer to the RSB biomass or non-bio based feedstock consumed per year.

Table 4.1

Annual consumption of RSB compliant materials (in metric tons)	Fixed fee (USD)
0-200,000 metric tons	\$5,000
200 – 300,000 metric tons	\$10,000
>300,000 metric tons	\$15,000

2.1. Pilot and Demonstration Facilities Policy

The annual fee is \$1,000 (USD) per facility.

A facility must be used for the purpose of demonstrating, testing, and or concept evaluation of 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.