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PEFC UK Notification Fees - 1st August 2024

Dear PEFC UK Member

In 2008, PEFC UK introduced a 'notification scheme' which is the annual levy on each chain of custody certificate that is awarded once a company has been audited by an accredited certification body. The notification fees that we collect make up over 95% of our income and fund PEFC UK's administrative and marketing operations that are in place to support our members, add value to their certification and grow the scheme in the UK.

The current banded fee structure has remained unchanged since January 2020. However, in this time our overheads have continued to increase, and are occupying an increasing proportion of our budget to a point that the current levels of notification fees are not allowing us to invest adequately to provide the optimum level of value back to our certificate holders.

Therefore, from 1st January 2025, we will be making some amendments to the notification scheme both in terms of the fee bandings and the fees charged. The fee bandings will continue to be based on the total annual turnover, and hence size, of the company. In the current challenging financial climate, careful consideration has been given to the potential impact of any changes, especially to our members with the lowest turnovers. Therefore, companies with a turnover of less than £1 Million will see no change to their fee, whilst other certificate holders will see a modest change of £15 + VAT to £200 + VAT depending on their size.

The amended notification fees will come into effect from at 1st January 2025 as follows:

Size of Organisation	Annual Turnover	Notification Fee
Smallest	Under £1 million	£140
Small	£1 - <£3 million	£155
Moderate	£3 - <£10 million	£420
Medium	£10 - <£25 million	£725
Large	£25 - <£50 million	£850
Very Large	£50 - £100 million	£1200
Largest	More than £100 million	£1700
International Multi-site schemes	More than £100 million	Cost on application

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We feel that the amendments are fair and proportionate, and the additional income generated will allow PEFC UK to better support our current members and reach out to potential new members by investing in several areas, including a new website, CRM software, more events, updated training materials, bespoke technical support and increased promotion of the scheme in the UK.

These are exciting times for us as interest in the scheme continues to grow, and we trust that our members will support the changes being proposed to enable the PEFC UK Team to maximise the potential for PEFC certification in the UK.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Kirkby', with a stylized, flowing script.

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