AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

OVERVIEW OF FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A VARIETY IN THE NATIONAL VARIETY LIST OF THE FLEMISH REGION

FEES PAYABLE IN EUROS FOR THE FLEMISH REGION AS OF 1/01/2024

The amount of the fee depends on the plant species and the class to which the variety belongs. The plant species are divided into eight classes:

- 1. class 1: sugar beet
- 2. class 2: maize
- 3. class 3: wheat, barley, spelt, triticale, oats, rye
- 4. class 4: potato, soybean fodder beet, industrial chicory
- 5. class 5: non-perennial grasses
- 6. class 6: perennial grasses
- 7. class 7: all vegetable species with exception of industrial chicory
- 8. class 8: all agricultural plant species not listed in class 1 to 7, mentioned in point 1 to 7

AMOUNTS TO BE COLLECTED PER VARIETY (in euro)	CLASS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Filing for the application for registration								
new variety	486,34	486,34	486,34	486,34	486,34	486,34	363,48	486,34
conservation variety of agricultural crops or of vegetable species (1) (2)	53,75							
landraces and varieties developed for growing under particular conditions (3)	/	/	/	/	/	/	53,75	/
2. Research on VCU, per research objective and per year of testing (4)								
first and second year of testing	1791,78	2047,75	1561,41	1510,21	1612,60	1725,23	/	<i>3071,62</i> (5)
third and subsequent year of testing	1791,78	2047,75	1561,41	1510,21	1612,60	1034,11	/	<i>3071,62</i> (5)
3. Annual maintenance of registration								
first until fifth year	486,34	486,34	486,34	460,74	460,74	460,74	322,52	460,74
from sixth year	383,95	383,95	383,95	383,95	383,95	383,95	255,97	383,95
conservation variety of agricultural crops or of vegetable species (1) (2) (all years after registration)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
landraces and varieties developed for growing under particular conditions (3) (all years after registration)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



- (1) conservation variety of agricultural crops: a variety referred to in article 2, 4°, of the ministerial Decree of 2 June 2009 on providing for certain derogations for acceptance of agricultural landraces and varieties which are naturally adapted tot the local and regional conditions and threatened by genetic erosion and for the marketing of seed and seed potatoes of those landraces and varieties;
- (2) **conservation variety of vegetables species:** a variety referred to in article 2, 4°, of the ministerial Decree of 2 December 2010 on providing for certain derogations, for acceptance of vegetable landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and are threatened by genetic erosion and of vegetable varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions and for marketing of seed of those landraces and varieties;
- (3) landraces and varieties developed for growing under particular conditions: a vegetable variety as mentioned in article 2, 5°, of the ministerial Decree of 2 December 2010 on providing for certain derogations, for acceptance of vegetable landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and are threatened by genetic erosion and of vegetable varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions and for marketing of seed of those landraces and varieties.
- (4) If a supplementary study is requested, e.g. resistance/tolerance to Rhizoctonia or cyst nematodes in sugar beets, the amount will be increased by 20% (per application).
- (5) This rate is considered as a maximum amount to be charged, as stated in article 7, §1, of the Decree of the Flemish Government of 23 December 2022: For the species mentioned in fee class 8, stated in article 3, second paragraph, 8°, of this decree, the amount of the fee for the VCU examination per year of testing is regarded as a maximum amount to be collected. If an applicant intends to submit an application for a new variety for one of those varieties for admission to the list of varieties for agricultural crops in accordance with the procedure stated in article 10 of the Decree of 26 September 2008, he will need to notify the competent authority accordingly, ultimately two months before the submission deadline set for that species. Within six weeks after the competent authority has received this notification, the competent authority confirms whether the VCU examination in question will be organized and submits an estimate that doesn't exceed the maximum fixed amount. If the applicant accepts the submitted estimate, he has to submit the application for admission to the variety list within the deadline in accordance with the procedure stated in article 10 of the Decree the Flemish Government of 26 September 2008.

The costs of a DUS examination are charged in full to the applicant or, where appropriate, to the procedural representative (without an advance payment). In the case of a hybrid variety, the costs also include, where applicable, the costs of the DUS examinations of each parent line or component for which no official description is available and which must be examined in accordance with the test guidelines stated in article 1 of the Decree of the Flemish Government of 27 April 2007 on the minimum characteristics to be covered by the examination of certain varieties of agricultural and vegetable crops and the minimum requirements for such examination. If the seed samples for the DUS examination and the VCU examination are supplied in separate packaging, a domestic or foreign research institute will carry out a conformity test at the request of the competent authority. The costs of a conformity test are also charged in full to the applicant or, where appropriate, to the procedural representative.

For more details, see the Decree of the Flemish Government of 23 December 2022 setting the fees for the admission or registration of varieties of agricultural and horticultural varieties, for the practice of certain professions in the plant propagating material sector, for the inspection and supervision of that material and for the inspection and supervision in the production of hops and hop products.

DETAILS FOR PAYMENTS						
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