

Explanation Contribution Fee



In the year 2012 RDW introduced a contribution fee for upholding the status of a manufacturer who holds an active RDW National, E4 and/or e4 certificates.

As a type approval authority, RDW has to verify Conformity of Production (CoP) and, therefore, makes regular checks on all manufacturers listed in our records; the Compliance Statement should not expire. This is done by audits and through document survey to enable us to have a smooth certification process for you as a manufacturer where time is of the essence to your market entry.

For the document survey, RDW will have to assess your COP data with which you will provide us, in order to assess the validity of your documents and take appropriate action in case of missing or changed information to maintain your validity on your COP clearance.

RDW has then decided it would be in the manufacturers interest as well as in RDW's to have an annual allowance fee. This contribution fee gives us information of all manufacturers and covers all general costs. It gives you the ability to budget for it instead of being confronted with unexpected costs.

Items that will be included in the contribution fee are:

- 1 Information requests, telephone calls, e-mails etc.
- 2 Annual provision of information about your current type approvals
- 3 Management of the COP file in the event of changes (except extensions of type-approval)
- 4 Issuing Compliance statement
- 5 Administrative supervision (except the audit).
- 6 Risk assessment
- 7 Provision of timely information regarding (future) relevant changes to the legislation
- 8 Informing the EU member states (ETAES)

The number of certificates are not related to these costs. The costs are related to the fact that the manufacturer is registered at RDW and therefore has proven to be authorized to receive certificates for the subjects of the registration. The fee is therefore limited to the services that are a result of the above-mentioned and is not depending nor being influenced by the number of certificates.

Since these costs relate to your status as a manufacturer and are shared among all manufacturers registered at RDW, this also implies that physical audits are not included and therefore will be invoiced separately based on the costs needed to perform such an audit.

In this way RDW is continuously improving our systems and providing you as a manufacturer the best possible service to the best of our capabilities.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this we invite you to contact on cop@rdw.nl

With these improvements we trust to have a better and longer lasting relationship with our customers,

RDW