

Green Gold Label Participant fees

Applicable fees for GGL Participants
charged through Certification Bodies



Participant fees

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Document navigation

This document is part of the Operating section from the Overall documents. It concerns the fees related to certification of GGL Participants and biomass under the GGL Scheme.

The Overall documents comprise the GGL Setup and Governance, GGL Standards and GGL Operating documents. Additionally, the GGL scheme offers Instructions and Guidances for specific regulations (RED, FIT/FIP, SDE+/++), which can supersede clauses in the Overall documents. This applies only when explicitly stated in the relevant Instructions and Guidances.

Refer to the **GGL Document Structure** (as part of the GGL Setup and Governance documents) for more detailed information on navigating and interpreting GGL documentation.

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Changes and transitioning

This section lists the key changes in this version 1-4 from version **GGL Participant fee – Version 1-3 (Nov. 2023)**.

No.	Change type	Section reference	Details of change
1	Fee change	Section D	Fixed fee is charged per GGL Scope, i.e., multiple fees are charged for a Participant with multiple GGL Scopes.
2	Fee change	Section D	Fixed fee is charged per role, i.e., multiple fees are charged for a GGL Participant that is active in multiple roles (Trader and End-user)
3	Fee change	Section E	Basis for Variable fees is all amounts brought into GGL supply chains with a Raw Material Statement; references to another basis have been removed for clarity.
4	Fee change	Section E	Variable fee is also charged for all amounts brought into GGL supply chains from Endorsed schemes, in addition to charges for biomass transactions and end-uses.
5	Text feature	Document navigation	Included document navigation
6	Text feature	Changes and transitioning	Included changelog and transitioning procedure between previous and current version
7	Text feature	Glossary	Included glossary
8	Formatting	All	Changed and edited formatting, text and wording for clarity and readability
9	Formatting	All	Converted layout to new templates for GGL Documents

In transitioning to this current version of this document, the following applies to Certification bodies, Participants and Certificates:

Publication date	7 November 2025 (serving as notice per A.2)
Adoption date	1 January 2026
Effective date	2 March 2026
Transition period	Not applicable

Glossary

Term	Definition
Adoption date	New (versions of) GGL documents state their Adoption date in the transitioning section. This is the date after which certification against the GGL Scheme and the specific document to which the Adoption date applies, is possible. Certification against previous versions remain valid until the Effective date of such document.
Amount of GGL Biomass	This is the amount of GGL Biomass in metric ton (MT).
Biomass producer	The first participant of the GGL supply chain for woody and agricultural biomass (GGL categories 1, 2, 3 and 4) who produces raw material by harvesting or farming activities for which Raw Materials Statements are delivered. Biomass Producers are comparable to First Collectors in the sense these are the first GGL Participants in a GGL supply chain.
Biomass	Biomass means the biodegradable fraction of products, waste and residues from biological origin from agriculture, including vegetal and animal substances, from forestry and related industries, including fisheries and aquaculture, as well as the biodegradable fraction of waste, including industrial and municipal waste of biological origin.
Certification Body / CB	An independent third party that evaluates and certifies the certification process. Certification Bodies approved by GGL for 1 or more GGL Scopes, are listed on the GGL website.
Effective date	New (versions of) GGL documents state their Effective date. This is the date after which only certification against the GGL Scheme and the specific document to which the Effective date applies, is effective. Certification against previous versions of such document is no longer valid.
First Collector	The first participant of the GGL supply chain for residues and wastes (GGL category 5) who collects the raw material from suppliers by whom Raw Materials Statements are delivered. First Collectors are comparable to Biomass Producers in the sense these are the first GGL Participants in a GGL supply chain.
Foundation / GGL Foundation	Green Gold Label Foundation is the owner of the Green Gold Label (GGL) scheme including all technical documents, promotional documents and logo's, website(s) and other intellectual properties relating to GGL.
GGL Biomass	Biomass that has been certified with a GGL-Certified or GGL-Controlled claim as the case may be.
GGL Categories	Biomass from 1 of the 5 categories that GGL recognizes being: 1) Woody biomass from large FMU's (> 500 hectares) 2) Woody biomass from small FMU's (< 500 hectares) 3) Residues from natural site and landscape management 4) Agricultural biomass 5) Biogenic residues and waste
GGL Module	These are the Instructions and Guidance documents based on which GGL has been approved and recognized as a Certification scheme under different legal and voluntary frameworks (e.g., RED in Europe, FIT/FIP in Japan).

Term	Definition
GGL Scope	Means the scope of a Certification Body's license to perform certification services or Participants to trade biomass within GGL, and use the GGL Trademark. A GGL Scope is a combination of (a) regulation(s) under which GGL is recognized per its different modules and (b) types of biomass. Each GGL Participant and each CB is limited to perform activities under the GGL Scheme by the GGL Scope for which it is recognized. GGL Scopes are defined in the GGL Scope definitions document.
GGL-Certified	Biomass that has been certified against all applicable GGL criteria, or against a certification scheme other than GGL which has been endorsed & approved by the relevant authorities (e.g., EU for REDII, METI for FIT/FIP) to holds the equivalent status. GGL-Certified biomass meets all criteria for sustainability and legality.
GGL-Controlled	Woody biomass that has been certified against some of the applicable GGL criteria, or against a certification scheme other than GGL which has been endorsed & approved by the relevant authorities (e.g., EU for REDII, METI for FIT/FIP) to holds the equivalent status. GGL-Controlled biomass can only be from GGL-categories 1, 2 or 3 for Woody biomass, and only meets specific key criteria for sustainability. The sustainability of GGL-Controlled woody biomass has therefore been certified to a lesser extent than GGL-Certified woody biomass.
GGLedger	IT platform that is made available by GGL, and which is intended to be an up to date and secure register of all Data that is either confidential or public information. The certification bodies are to ensure all data in GGLedger is actual, correct and secure.
Participant / GGL Participant	Economic operator that has been certified under GGL per GGL Regulation Section G or against a certification scheme other than GGL which has been endorsed & approved by the relevant authorities (e.g., EU for REDII, METI for FIT/FIP) to hold the equivalent status, such as forest and agricultural biomass producers, waste and residue producers, first gathering points, collectors, suppliers, traders, processing plants and conversion plants (end-users).
PC / Product certificate	A certified statement of a final conversion of GGL Biomass by GGL Participants that meets requirements of GGLS4 - Transaction and product certificate .
Publication date	New (versions of) GGL documents state their Publication date. This is the date at which that version is published. Certification against the new version of such document is not possible until after its Adoption date.
RMS / Raw Material Statement	A certified statement of raw material brought into GGL supply-chains by a GGL Participant that meets requirements of GGLS1 - Chain of custody criteria and of applicable GGL Modules.
TC / Transaction certificate	A certified statement of a transaction between GGL Participants that meets requirements of GGLS4 - Transaction and product certificate .
Transaction statement	A statement of a transaction from a GGL Participant to a non-certified buyer.

Term	Definition
Transition period	New (versions of) GGL documents state their Transition period. This is the period within which (re-)certification decisions taken prior to the Effective date against the previous version of the current document, remain valid. Initial audits, renewal audits and surveillance audits by a Certification Body during the Transition period shall only take place against the current version of the GGL Scheme document to which the Transition period applies.



A. Introduction

The objectives of the Green Gold Label Foundation (GGL) are laid down in its Articles of Association and do not include any financial objective. GGL charges fees to cover costs and safeguard the continuity of the GGL scheme. All applicable fees are solely based on the total GGL Biomass amounts sourced and traded within GGL Supply chains, as either Fixed or Variable fees, regardless of the number of transactions. GGL does not charge fees per Transaction Certificate.

A.1 Notice period

The fees and fee structure set out in this document are effective from the Adoption date in the Section Changes and transitioning above and may be amended from time to time with a notice period of at least 1 month after the Publication date of amendments.

A.2 Notification

GGL Board will notify Participants of changes to this document by email and announcements on the GGL website.

B. General

B.1

GGL Participants will be charged for the Participant fees through their Certification bodies. The GGL Foundation will not charge any costs to GGL Participants directly, unless agreed per prior written agreement. Annex I includes detailed examples of which rates are applicable to which type of GGL Participant for each possible trade within the GGL Scheme

B.2

In addition to these Participant fees, Participants may also incur costs related to the certification and inspection processes charged by their Certification bodies. The GGL Foundation has no control over nor does it have any knowledge of these separate costs.

B.3

Fees are in Euros (€) and are subject to Dutch VAT of 21% if applicable. Invoices must be paid within 30 days of their issue date.

B.4

Invoices will only be issued when the amount payable exceeds €250.
Amounts below €250 will be invoiced once the total amount due exceeds €250.

B.5

Fees paid by the Certification Body are non-refundable. Data in GGLedger serves as the basis for all invoicing by GGL. It is the responsibility of the Certification Body to register all Participants and amount of GGL Biomass in GGLedger correctly.



C. Fee structure

C.1 Types of fees

GGL charges 2 (two) types of fees to Certification Bodies:

- a) **Fixed fees**, charged to Traders and End-users based on their annual amount of GGL biomass sold or used;
- b) **Variable fees**, charged to Biomass producers or First Collectors based on their annual amount of GGL biomass that has been certified, and to any GGL Participant for their annual amount of GGL biomass procured from an Endorsed scheme. This fee is equal for GGL-Certified and GGL-Controlled biomass.

C.2 Determinants for GGL fees

The fees charged by GGL to the Certification Bodies for certification activities related to GGL Participants, are dependent on three (3) factors, namely:

C.2.1 **The amount of biomass certified under the GGL Scheme**

The amount is determined as follows per calendar year:

- a) In the case of any GGL Participant: the amount of biomass brought into GGL supply chains from other certification schemes endorsed by GGL with a certified Raw Material Statement.
- b) In the case of a Biomass Producer / First Collector: the amount of GGL biomass produced or collected and brought into GGL supply chains with a certified Raw Material Statement;
- c) In the case of a Trader: the amount of Biomass sold (i.e. amounts on certified Transaction certificates sold to another Participant or to a non-GGL-certified buyer);
- d) In the case of an End-user: the amount of biomass used to produce energy (i.e., amounts on certified Product certificates)

C.2.2 **The type(s) of GGL Participant**

GGL distinguishes 3 (three) types of Participants: Biomass Producer / First Collector, Trader, and End-user. If a GGL Participant is active in multiple roles during a year, each activity recorded in the GGLedger transaction amounts shall be used to determine the applicable fees for each role performed by the GGL Participant.

C.2.3 **The number of GGL Scopes per Participant**

The number of GGL Scopes per Participant is determined by the total number of scopes registered in GGLedger during a calendar year.

D. Fixed fees

GGL Participants active as Traders selling GGL Biomass or End-users converting GGL Biomass into energy, will be charged a Fixed fee per year through their Certification Bodies.

D.1 Fixed fee for Traders

The following fixed fees apply to Traders selling GGL biomass:

Traders - Annual volume of GGL Biomass sold	Applicable fixed fee per GGL Scope
>= 200,000 MT	€ 2,500
>= 50,000 -199,999 MT	€ 1,250
<50,000 MT (minimum fee)	€ 250

D.2 Fixed fee for End-users

The following fixed fees apply to End-users:

End-users - Annual volume of GGL Biomass used	Applicable fixed fee per GGL Scope
>= 200,000 MT	€ 10,000
<199,999 MT (minimum fee)	€ 5,000

D.3 Basis for calculating Fixed fees

D.3.1

Fixed fees are charged twice per calendar year for GGL Participants **applicable to each GGL Scope and to each role** (as defined in C.2.1) that they perform:

- Firstly, at the start of each calendar year, the **minimum applicable fee** is charged,
- Secondly, at the end of the calendar year, the **residual fee** for the total amount of GGL Biomass sold or used is charged to Traders and End-users, respectively, being the total fee due minus the minimum applicable fee (already paid).

Note - As an example:

For an End-user who has purchased 250,000 MT of GGL-Certified biomass during year X, its Certification Body will be charged €5,000 (**minimum fee**) at the start of year X, and €10,000 (total fee) minus €5,000 (already charged) = € 5,000 (**residual fee**) at the beginning of year X+1.

D.3.2

Fixed fees for Traders and End-users are always based on the total annual amount of GGL biomass sold or used under a Transaction or Product certificate per **GGLS4 – Transaction and product certificate**, and not pro-rated for the Effective date of becoming a GGL participant in a calendar year.



D.4 GGL Scopes and roles, with examples

GGL Scopes are defined in ***GGL Scope definitions***. The roles of GGL Participants and GGL Scopes throughout the year, are based on the data in GGLedger.

Note - The tree examples below clarify how the GG Participant fees work with different roles, different Certification Bodies and different GGL Scopes.

1. A GGL Participant acting both as an End-user and as a Trader who sells GGL Biomass (e.g., to another End-user or Trader) during a specific year, will be charged 2 (two) separate fixed fees for that year.
2. When a Trader with a FIT/FIP scope switches from one Certification Body to another within a calendar year, each Certification Body will charge a fixed fee based on the amount of GGL biomass sold under that Certification Body for that specific scope during that year.
3. When a Trader switches its GGL Scope from “SDE+ – GGL Categories 1 and 2” to GGL Scope “FIT/FIP – GGL Category 5”, the CB will charge a fixed fee for each scope based on the amount of GGL biomass sold.



E. Variable fees

Variable fees are charged to Certification Bodies of Biomass producers (GGL Categories 1 to 4 biomass), First collectors (GGL Category 5 biomass) and any GGL Participant that brings biomass into GGL supply chains from Endorsed schemes (any GGL Category of biomass).

E.1 Fees for GGL Biomass amounts

These fees are based on the GGL Biomass amounts produced, collected or brought into GGL supply chains as GGL-Certified or GGL-Controlled, regardless of the type of biomass and equal:

€0.11 per MT of GGL Biomass

E.2 Basis for calculating Variable fees

GGL Biomass amounts are calculated from GGLedger data on all biomass that is brought into GGL supply chains under a Raw Material Statement per **GGLS1 – Chain of custody criteria** and applicable GGL Modules. These amounts can originate from own production, first collection or integration from an Endorsed scheme.

F. Disputes and non-payment

F.1

In case of doubt or disputes, the Participant shall provide all necessary information and access to sites to validate the claimed amounts to the GGL Foundation and the Certification Body.

F.2

In case a Certification Body fails to pay the fees for its Participant(s), the certification of that Participant for the relevant GGL scope shall be suspended. Repeated failure (i.e., more than 1x) to fulfil the applicable fees shall result in the termination of the certificate for that GGL scope.

F.3

Participants and Certification Bodies can at all times file a complaint in accordance with **GGL Regulation** to seek resolution of disputes.

Annex I. Detailed examples of applicable rates

The illustration below shows the type of fee applicable for each potential trade of GGL Biomass within the GGL Scheme.

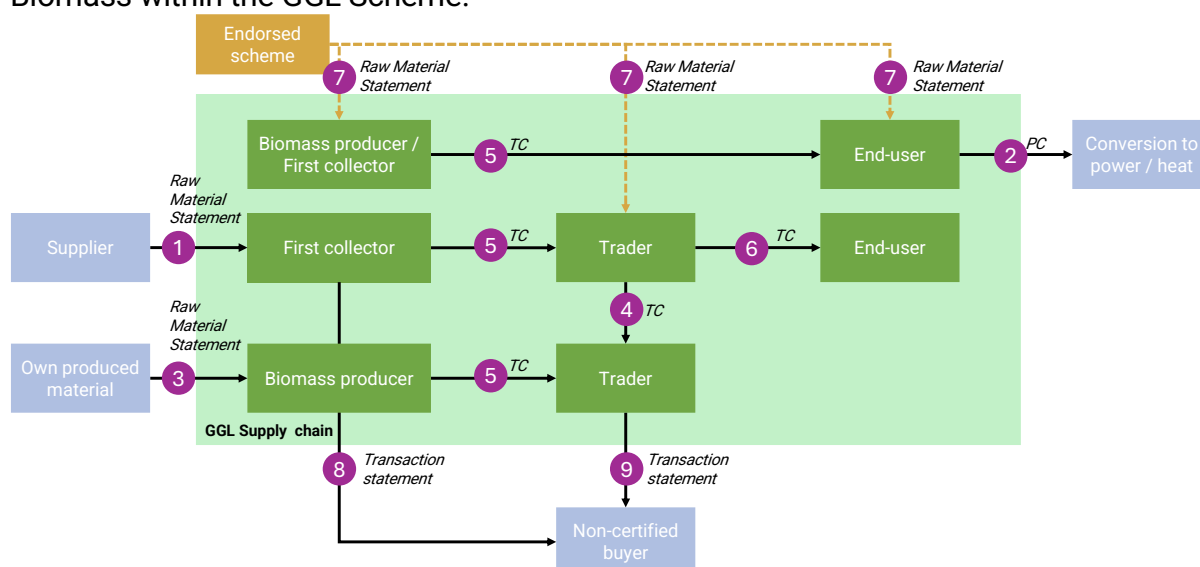


Illustration 1 – Possible types of trades within the GGL Scheme

The table shows which fee applies to each Participant for each type of trade within the GGL Scheme.

	Fixed fee	Variable fee
1 Supplier sells to First Collector	-	• First collector (E.1)
2 End-user converts GGL Biomass in power and / or heat	• End-user (D.2)	-
3 Biomass producer harvests or produces GGL Biomass	-	• Biomass producer (E.1)
4 Trader sells to Trader	• Trader (seller; D.1)	-
5 Biomass producer / First Collector sells to Trader / End-user	-	-
6 Trader sells to End-user	• Trader (seller; D.1) • End-user (D.2)	-
7 Biomass producer / First Collector or Trader or End-users procures from Endorsed scheme	-	• Biomass producer / First collector or Trader or End-user (E.1)
8 Biomass producer / First Collector sells to Non-certified buyer	-	-
9 Trader sells to Non-certified buyer	• Trader (seller; D.1)	-

Table 2 – Applicable fee per Participant for each type of trade within the GGL Scheme