

Testing Fees in Support on the Network

In this presentation we will explain what is a Testing fee

and

what has to be considered in Testing Fee in the ANTAM Network

Existing International Testing Networks adopt a specific fee system being composed by the FEE for the National Testing Station and the FEE for the international recognition.

The manufacture when signing the contract agrees to pay for both FEES and the testing station agrees to complete the tests and apply for the International Recognition being provided by the Network.

Examples are the OECD Testing of Agricultural and Forestry Tractors and the ENTAM (European Network for Testing Agricultural Machines)

THE OECD TRACTOR CODES



FEE SYSTEM

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Manufacturer pays for the performance of tests and their validation by the Coordinating Centre

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**European Network for Testing
Agricultural Machines**

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Manufacturer pays for the performance of tests and their validation by the Secretariat (covering all the general cost too).

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A Testing Fee is charged to cover the cost of a Testing Station to prove that an agricultural machine complies with specific regulations as stated in the reference ANTAM Code.

What is included in the Testing Fee:

FEE of the TESTING STATION (according to the National Rules)

- **Labour:** the cost for engineers, technicians and specialist who perform the tests, analyse the data and write the reports;
- **Equipment usage:** the cost for using specific equipment, laboratory facilities etc. and its periodical calibration and updates;
- **Consumables:** the cost of materials consumed during the test (e.g. fuel, chemicals etc.);
- **Administration & Reporting:** the cost associated with scheduling, documentation, quality assurance etc.;
- **Overhead:** a portion of the general cost of running the testing organisation and/or laboratory.

FEE of the ANTAM recognition (according to the ANTAM Rules)

- **International Recognition:** the cost of the services being provided by ANTAM for the international recognition.

ANTAM FEES

Concerning the FEES of the different Testing Stations taking part in the ANTAM Network a specific survey has been made and it will be displayed in a specific presentation.

Concerning the ANTAM FEE it is composed as follows:

1 Cost for the "Evaluation activities" including the formal checking of Test Reports" (check of the compliance to the ANTAM Codes and general rules of the Network)

2 General cost for the ANTAM web site (database and Test Reports) and general management (accreditations, meetings, Codes management, Quality requirements management, problem solving etc.).

BENEFITS of ANTAM FEES for the TESTING STATION

Being in an international Network as ANTAM offers many benefits to manufacturers as well as Testing Stations.

Manufacturers:

- possibility with one Test to access a wider geographical area
- have a third-party assessment of the performances and safety of their machines
- offer their customers a public subsidy (depending on the national rules)

Testing Station:

- have a relation and work together with other Testing Stations/countries
- offer manufacturers an internationally valid Test Report
- offer manufacturers a wide range of recognitions according to the rules of different countries
- specialize on specific kind of machinery
- easy access to international standards and regulations

OUTCOMES of the MEETING with MANUFACTURERS/DISTRIBUTORS during the AGRITECHNIKA-ASIA in Ho Chi Minh 2025

Manufacturers have clearly expressed their interest in the ANTAM activities as a tool to improve quality of the agricultural machinery and perform one test to be valid for a wide area.



This is very important because Manufacturers play a key role together with farmers supporting ANTAM activities.



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