



Regeling Reprorecht Bedrijfsleven

[Business Sector Reprographic Reproduction Rights Plan]

Press Release

STICHTING REPRORECHT AND THE BUSINESS SECTOR AGREE TO EXTEND THE PLAN

Stichting Reprorecht [Reprographic Reproduction Rights Foundation] has reached agreement with VNO-NCW [Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers] and MKB Nederland [Netherlands SME Association] to renew the *Introductieregeling Reprorecht Bedrijfsleven*.

All parties satisfied with system

All of the parties concerned feel that this introductory scheme has operated according to plan in the past two years. The copyright holders have received fair and equitable compensation for photocopies of their works, while it has been possible to confine the administrative costs involved for the business sector to a minimum. The system employed as part of this plan will therefore remain in effect.

Fixed fee and tailored alternative

Like its predecessor, the *Regeling Reprorecht Bedrijfsleven* features an approach based on a fixed sum: businesses pay a fixed fee depending on their size and the industry concerned. These fees are adjusted in accordance with inflation, with the result that the rates apply as referred to in the schedule of fees. Those businesses which do not have a photocopier, do not pay a fee.

Why do you receive an invoice?

In accordance with the *Regeling Reprorecht Bedrijfsleven*, every business that is active in the Netherlands and has a photocopier at its disposal, pays a fixed annual fee. This fee is based on the number of staff in your business and the sector in which it operates.

If you do not have a photocopier at your disposal, you are not required to pay a fee. You can report this at www.reprorecht.nl. You will require your access code and account number, which are stated on your invoice.

How much will your business pay each year?

The fees have been agreed by VNO-NCW, MKB-Nederland and Stichting Reprorecht. These fixed fees depend on the following:

- the number of employees in the business;
- the sector based on the classification employed by Statistics Netherlands: the SBI code.

You will find the fees for 2005 to 2006 in the schedule of fees.

How can you modify your business details?

If the details on the enclosed invoice are incorrect, you can modify them at www.reprorecht.nl. In order to do so you will require the access code and account number which are stated on the invoice. If any modification of your details provides grounds for doing so, you will receive a new invoice. It will not be possible to give notice of any change in your business details by phone. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may communicate any changes in writing.

In the event that any fees are based on incorrect details, Stichting Reprorecht reserves the right to determine them afresh and to collect them with retrospective effect.

Schedule of fees

WORKFORCE CATEGORY	SECTOR: LOW	SECTOR: HIGH
19 or less	€ 16.78	€ 16.78
20 to 49	€ 107.00	€ 161.00
50 to 99	€ 322.00	€ 483.00
100 to 199	€ 644.00	€ 967.00
200 to 499	€ 1,504.00	€ 2,255.00
500 or more	€ 3,115.00	€ 4,672.00

IF YOUR BUSINESS DOES NOT HAVE A PHOTOCOPIER AT ITS DISPOSAL, IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE.

EMPLOYEES ARE DEFINED AS FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE).

THIS SCHEDULE OF FEES IS GOVERNED BY THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

HIGH SECTOR SBI CODE	
65-67	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
721	HARDWARE CONSULTANCY
73	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
741	LEGAL SERVICES
742	ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERING FIRMS AND THE LIKE
744	ADVERTISING AGENCIES AND THE LIKE
74503	LABOUR RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION
74504	JOB POOLS
7485	SECRETARIAL WORK AND TRANSLATIONS
74876	OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES NOT YET MENTIONED
8042	OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES NOT YET MENTIONED
911	BUSINESS, EMPLOYERS AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS
912	TRADE UNIONS
922	RADIO AND TELEVISION
924	PRESS AGENCIES AND NEWS PROVIDERS
Source: Statistics Netherlands	

What is a photocopier understood to mean?

Photocopiers are any equipment which makes it possible to produce paper copies of paper. This includes fax machines with photocopying features and multifunctional devices: machines which can scan, print and produce photocopies. Any business which does not have a photocopier at its disposal, is not required to pay a fee.

How is the workforce category determined

The definition of a business employed by Statistics Netherlands represents an important part of the *Regeling Reprerecht Bedrijfsleven*. This definition is as follows: a business is responsible for a production process which supplies goods or provides services in the market. A business is independent, can be described and is externally focussed. A requirement in this respect is that a business conduct economic activities. This is the case if at least one person works for a business for at least 15 hours a week. Any business which constitutes part of a group of businesses, will receive a separate invoice. The determination of a business' workforce category is based on the total average number of employees who work for your company in any invoice year, expressed as FTEs.

Is a fixed fee inappropriate in relation to actual photocopying?

Like Stichting Reprerecht, businesses can take the initiative to make individual arrangements for payment, if the fixed fee does not bear a reasonable relationship to its actual photocopying, for example, arrangements based on the total annual volume of photocopies and a recorded percentage of those which are subject to reproduction rights. You can obtain more information about individual payment arrangements at www.reprecht.nl.

What does Stichting Reprerecht do?

Stichting Reprerecht was established by organisations representing authors and publishers in 1974 and has been appointed by the Dutch Minister of Justice as the sole body responsible for collecting reprographic reproduction fees. As such, it acts as a single office for both the public sector and educational, institutional, and business and other organisations. Stichting Reprerecht distributes these fees proportionately to writers and publishers in accordance with regulations approved by the Dutch government. A supervisory authority accounts for the operations of Stichting Reprerecht to the Minister of Justice.

Need more information?

You can visit www.reprorecht.nl to modify your business details and to obtain detailed information about the plan. If you have a question and cannot find an answer to it on this website, you may also call Stichting Reprorecht on 0900 202 2829 (€0.10 per minute). However, it will not be possible to give notice of any change in your business details by phone. Your industrial association or umbrella organisation can also provide you with information about the *Regeling Reprorecht Bedrijfsleven*.

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