



## FUNDING: ADMISSION FEE, DUES, APPORTIONMENTS

(valid since July 2014)

### 1. Admission fee

Members pay an admission fee of 25% of the respective annual membership dues.

### 2. Payment of dues

Membership dues are to be paid annually. Payments are due on March 1st of each calendar year. Members joining throughout the year have to pay on a pro-rata basis according to their actual membership duration.

### 3. Amount of dues payable

The amount of dues payable is determined for all members according to their total annual turn-over (in Euro) with **natural textiles** or **pure natural leather\***.

All enterprises generating any income with natural textiles, raw materials, ingredients, accessories or services are subject to the same dues payable scheme.

Relevant for establishing the amount of dues payable is the net turnover (turn-over minus returns and without VAT) of the last completed business year. Relevant are all goods made from natural textiles, services directly or indirectly related to natural textiles, or ingredients for the production of natural textiles. Included have to be accessories like shawls, cloths, hats, caps and home textiles as well as buttons etc.

Members are self-responsible to define and to declare their amount of dues payable. The association reserves the right to ask for official documentation (e.g. tax declarations, balance sheets etc.) in any cases of doubt.

The dues schedule:

- Businesses of all kinds (except service companies) pay according to their turn-over

from 0 to	199.999 €	500 €
200.000 € to	999.999 €	1,5 ‰
1.000.000 € to	14.500.000 €	1,5 ‰ for 1 <sup>st</sup> million, then 1 ‰ culminating
from 14.500.00 €		15.000 €

- Service companies pay according to their turn-over

from 0 to	333.332 €	500 €
333.333 € to	999.999 €	1,5 ‰
from 1.000.000 €		1.500 €

- Supporting membership 75 €

\* For a definition of natural textiles see the end of this document.

#### **4. Admittance requirements**

Only companies that have been established for more than two years on the market can become a member of IVN. Exempt are companies that have been established as the result of having been hived off from an already existing IVN member company. However, it is possible to circumvent this prerequisite, by paying two years of member fees in advance.

#### **5. Financing of projects by means of apportionment**

Should larger projects - impacting normal business activities only once, and being more expensive than could be financed out of the agreed annual budget funded from dues income - be deemed necessary, the management of the association can ask all members, by means of circular letter or during the annual general member's assembly, to authorise a respective apportionment. The simple majority shall be sufficient to authorise such request.

#### **6. License fees**

Within the license agreement for using the IVN quality mark (see no. 6.3 of this statute) non-members have to pay a license fee of currently 1,0% of all turn-over made with labelled products.

Currently the use of the IVN quality mark by regular members (as far as they hold a license as well) is included in the annual dues payable.

Businesses ordering so called „private label“ productions from certified suppliers, neither being a IVN member nor holding a license agreement themselves, will have to pay a license fee of currently 2% of the total turn-over transacted with the license holder in question. The license holder is responsible for collecting and forwarding of all respective payments to the association. The origin of all private label products has to be identifiable either by giving the producers name (made by ...) or by showing the producers' certification number on the final product label.

#### **7. Validity and transitional period**

This dues schedule has been authorised by the general members assembly on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, and will be effective pending further notice. It replaces all former versions.

For any members joining the association after the cut-off date, this dues schedule is binding.

For all existing members of the association (cut-off date see above) this dues schedule becomes effective on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

#### **Definition of „natural textiles“ and „pure natural leather“ for the evaluation of annual turnover**

**Natural textiles** are textile products of natural fibres\* made according to special criteria. The natural fibres used should be, either untreated or, in case of chemical addition or refinement, compatible with the lowest stage of IVN standard NATURTEXTIL IVN certified/GOTS.

\*Natural fibres are fibres of vegetable or animal origin. Fibres of natural origin, which are only spin able by chemical processing, like viscose rayon or modal, are not regarded as natural fibres.

**Pure natural leather products** are products made of sustainable tanned leather or fur. Production of pure natural leather products should adapt IVN standards for pure natural leather.

Furthermore, in accordance with these rules, all products by member companies, sold and advertised with eco-labels, are fee relevant.