

Fee changes due to the reorganisation of legal metrology (Measures and Verification Act – MessEG)

The act pertaining to the reorganisation of legal metrology was announced on 31 July 2013 and came completely into force on 1 January 2015. It is published in the Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt – BGBl. I, p. 2722 (No. 43)). Article 1 contains the Act concerning the placement and provision of measuring instruments on the market, their use and verification, and also on prepackages (Mess- und Eichgesetz – MessEG) (Measures and Verification Act – MessEG). PTB will undertake tasks within the scope of this act. The fees for these tasks are calculated as follows:

A. Due to the new act, the following tasks, which were previously billed according to the Zulassungskostenverordnung (ZulKostV) (Regulations Governing Charges for Approvals Granted by PTB), are now to be billed according to the Kostenverordnung für Nutzleistungen (KVONL) (Regulations Governing Charges for Services Supplied by PTB):

- Assessment of the conformity of measuring instruments (Section 14 para. 1 MessEG [Measures and Verification Act]) in connection with Section 9 Mess- und Eichverordnung – MessEV (Measures and Verification Ordinance)
- Testing of the standard devices and test facilities (Section 47 para. 2 MessEG [Measures and Verification Act])

As a result of this, the basis of calculation has changed and, thus, also the hourly rates. You will find the list for the hourly rates of the KVONL, valid since 29 October 2009, at: www.ptb.de → English Version → Services → Fees → Hourly rates according to the KVONL (in German). Assessment, certification, administrative work and the performing of the metrological tests will be billed according to the hourly rates of the respective subject area given in the list.

B. The following PTB tasks can still be billed according to the ZulKostV until further notice:

- Assessment of the conformity of radiation dosimeters (Section 14 para. 4 sentence 2 MessEG)
- EEC type approvals (Section 27 para. 2 MessEG)
- Decision on the equivalence of measuring instruments (Section 28 para. 3 MessEG)
- Approval of manufacturer's marks for (bottles as) measuring containers (Section 44 para. 1 sub-paragraph 7 MessEG) in connection with the Measures and Verification Ordinance (Mess- und Eichverordnung – MessEV)

C. Value added tax (VAT) liability

PTB is required to collect value added tax for commercial activities as of 01.01.2010 and will show the value added tax accordingly in the invoices. In principle, the services in accordance with MessEG listed under Section A of this information sheet are subject to value added tax.