

CONTRIBUTION REGULATIONS

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To improve readability, generic masculine forms are used for personal designations and terms in these regulations, which apply to all genders.

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The association Pharma Deutschland e.V. (hereinafter referred to as the Association) issues the following general contribution regulations based on § 7(1) of its statutes. The terms used herein have the same meaning as in the statutes of the Association unless expressly stated otherwise below:

§ 1 Contribution obligations

The Association collects contributions from all Ordinary Members and Associate (Supporting) Members in accordance with its statutes and the following provisions.

§ 2 Ordinary Members

1. The annual contribution is collected at the beginning of each financial year and amounts to 1.25 % of the turnover of Ordinary Members with pharmaceutical products that are marketed, distributed, or used in the Federal Republic of Germany. For contribution calculation purposes, dietary supplements are not considered pharmaceutical products, and their turnover is not included. For pharmaceutical products classified as medicines, turnover refers to the retail price excluding VAT, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the German Medicines Act (currently § 78(3) sentence 1). This calculation standard also applies to Ordinary Members who are not themselves pharmaceutical entrepreneurs as defined in § 4(18) of the Medicines Act.
2. Regardless of turnover, the minimum contribution is set at EUR 6,000.00, and the maximum contribution at EUR 200,000.00.
3. If multiple affiliated companies are members of the Association as Ordinary Members, the board may, upon request, set a consolidated contribution for these companies (referred to as a „group contribution“). The group contribution amounts to 1.25 times the maximum contribution as per § 2(2) of these regulations. This is contingent upon the parent company submitting the turnover report for affiliated companies and identifying the respective Ordinary Members to the Association. The group contribution is generally paid proportionally by each Ordinary Member. However, one affiliated company may make the full payment on behalf of others, provided the members it covers are specified in the payment instructions, and the payment method is pre-approved by the board.
4. The membership contribution is otherwise set by the board for:
 - a) Ordinary Members primarily involved in drug development, approval, research, or the production/distribution of dental products;
 - b) Ordinary Members primarily manufacturing, developing, or distributing medicinal products, substance based medical devices, or their precursors on behalf of other pharmaceutical companies (so-called contract manufacturers);
 - c) Ordinary Members affiliated with a group or corporate structure that includes companies marketing, distributing, or offering medicinal products (excluding dietary supplements) to domestic consumers. This does not apply if such companies are themselves Ordinary or Associate Members of the Association and § 2(3) of these regulations applies. Newly established Ordinary Members registered for no longer than five years at the time of joining;

- d) Exceptions apply if the new establishment is associated with corporate restructuring or similar domestic/foreign measures. Contributions for newly established ordinary members may be set for up to three consecutive years by the board before regular contributions apply;
- e) Ordinary Members headquartered abroad and not subject to the provisions of § 78(3) sentence 1 of the Medicines Act.

§ 3 Associate (Supporting) Members

The membership contribution for Associate (Supporting) Members is EUR 6,000.00. A higher contribution may be determined for Associate Members based on general criteria and the principle of equal treatment, as decided by the board.

§ 4 Entry into Force

These contribution regulations enter into force on 1 January 2025.

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