

Rules of Contribution

**European Vacuum Technology Association
(EVTA)**

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According to article 4(1) of the Statutes of “European Vacuum Technology Association (EVTA)”, hereinafter referred to as EVTA, the following Rules of Contribution shall apply to the members of EVTA.

- (1) The contribution shall be levied annually. The contribution shall be set by the consolidated European total Vacuum Technology related turnover as defined in EVTA Statutes Article 1 and achieved by the member within the previous calendar year. Should the member be a part of a connected undertaking, especially when another company holds a majority stake of the member or may exercise control, the consolidated European total turnover of the connected undertakings is decisive.
- (2) The calculation of contribution is liable to the net Vacuum Technology related sales turnover resulting from the products and services which belong to the specified area of trade stipulated in Article 1 of the EVTA Statutes.

Among others are attached:

- (a) Turnover in own produce (including supply and replacement parts),
- (b) Turnover generated from repairs,
- (c) Trade turnover

- (3) The contribution rates shall be in three classes depending on turnover according to Clauses 1 and 2

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| a) | turnover | <€25M | 3.000 Euro |
| b) | turnover | <€50M | 5.000 Euro |
| c) | turnover | >€50M | 8.000 Euro |

EVTA members who are also members of the VDMA contribute to the running costs of the EVTA from their existing VDMA fees and therefore are exempt from payment of the above contribution.

- (4) Companies joining EVTA prior to the 1st July of a given year, shall also be required to make payment for the first half year. Companies joining after the 1st July shall only be required to make payment for the second half year.
- (5) The VDMA Finance and Controlling Department shall forward the respective calculation sheet for the member's contribution at the commencement of the second half year. The sheets are to be filled out by the members and forwarded to VDMA according to the

rules, by latest 10th August respectively.

- (6) The contribution determined in the calculation sheet is to be paid to VDMA by latest 15th September respectively.
- (7) Upon infringement of the set payment date stipulated in Clause 6, a default fine of 1% of the contribution in arrears shall be levied for every commenced month.

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