

Copyright Levies in Europe

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<u>(and even more)...</u>	



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Legal Basis	Urheberrechtsgesetz-Novelle 2005 – UrhG-Nov 2005 (NR: GP XXII AB 1240 S. 129.), in Force since February 2006
System	<p>In Austria, the collecting societies set private tariffs. These tariffs are non-binding. In addition to this, tariffs can be set through a general agreement between the Austrian Chamber of Commerce and the Collecting societies. The tariffs set by general agreement are binding.</p> <p>Collecting societies are supervised by the KommAustria (Communications Agency Austria). The resolutions of conflicts of the collecting societies are overseen by an arbitration board. A second board, the so-called „Schiedsstelle“, oversees disputes between Collecting Societies about the amounts of levies.</p> <p>The Collecting Societies can also make an agreement with the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, which provides discount tariffs. These tariffs are then available for members of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>The following tariffs are the binding tariffs, set by General Agreement.</p> <p>There are exemptions for professional users for a limited scope of products.</p>

Overview

Blank media	Published tariff (Contractual tariff)	Capacity
Audio analogue (MC, analogue and digital camera cassettes)	0,XX € (0,XX €)	60 min
Audio digital (Audio CD-R / RW, Minidisc, Dat)	0,XX € (0,XX €)	60 min
Data CD-R / RW	0,XX € (0,XX €)	60 min
Memory cards (Memory cards not levied solely, but only in conjunction with an MP3 Player)	X,00 € (X,00 €)	< 256 MB
	X,X0 € (X,00 €)	256 – 512 MB
	X,XX € (X,X0 €)	512 MB – 1 GB
	X,00 € (X,00 €)	1 – 4 GB
	XX,X0 € (X,00 €)	4-30 GB
	XX,XX € (X0,X0 €)	30-60 GB
	XX,00 € (XX,00 €)	over 60 GB
Video analogue and digital (analogue and digital video cassettes)	0,XX € (0,XX €)	60 min
DVD+R/-R	0,XX € (0,XX €)	120min / 4,7 GB
DVD+RW/-RW	0,XX € (0,XX €)	120min / 4,7 GB
DVD ram	X,XX € (0,XX €)	240min / 8,5 GB
DVD double-layer –R/+R, DVD double-layer –RW/+RW	X,XX € (0,XX €)	240min / 4,7 GB
Blu Ray Discs and HD-DVD are not ...XXX, are however actually accounted for in the total contract.		
Blu Ray Disc, HD-DVD	X,XX € (X,XX €)	25 GB
Hard discs / Memory chips in Mp3 Players / MP3 Jukeboxes / Audio recording devices or multimedia players *	X,00 € (X,00 €)	Up to 256 MB
	X,X0 € (X,00 €)	>256 MB – 512 MB
	X,XX € (X,X0 €)	>512 MB – 1 GB
	X,00 € (X,00 €)	>1 GB – 4 GB
	XX,XX € (X,00 €)	>4 GB – 30 GB
	XX,XX € (X0,X0 €)	>30 GB – 60 GB
	XX,00 € (XX,00 €)	>60 GB – 90 GB
	XX,XX € (XX,X0 €)	>90 GB – 120 GB
XX,X0 € (XX,00 €)	> 120 GB	

Hard discs in DVD-recorders and SAT- Receivers	X,X0 € (X,00 €)	Up to 40 GB	
	X,00 € (X,00 €)	>40 GB – 80 GB	
	XX,00 € (X0,00 €)	>80 GB – 160 GB	
	XX,00 € (XX,00 €)	>160 GB – 250 GB	
	XX,X0 € (XX,00 €)	>250 GB – 400 GB	
	X0,00 € (X0,00 €)	>400 GB – 600 GB	
	XX.X0 € (XX,00 €)	>600 GB – 800 GB	
	XX,00 € (X0,00 €)	>800 GB	
Integrated or changeable memories of every kind in / for MP3 player, audio / video player and the like in mobile phones and handhelds **	X,00 €	Up to 256 MB	
	X,00 €	>256 MB - 512 MB	
	X,X0 €	>512 MB - 1 GB	
	XX,00 €	>1 GB - 6 GB	
	XX,00 €	> 6 GB - 30 GB	
	XX,00 €	>30 GB - 60 GB	
	XX,00 €	>60 GB - 100 GB	
Reprography			
Printers			
<i>Contractual tariff</i>			
MFDs	X,XX % Net Dealer Price***		
InkJet	X,XX % Net Dealer Price***		
Laser	X,XX % Net Dealer Price***		
	min. X,XX €/Device, max. XXX,00 €/Device		
<i>Published tariff</i>	Black & White	Color	ppm
	X,X0 €	XX,X0 €	0 - 12
	XX,XX €	XX,X0 €	13 - 35
	XX,XX €	XX,XX €	36 - 70
	XX,XX €	X0X,XX €	> 70
	Min. X,XX % of the Net Dealer Price***, max. XXX,XX €/Device		
Copier	<i>Published tariff (Contractual tariff)</i>		
	Black & White	Color	ppm
	X0,XX € (XX,XX €)	XX,XX € (XX,XX €)	1-9
	XX,XX € (XX,XX €)	X0X,X0 € (XX,XX €)	10-19
	XXX,XX € (XX,XX €)	X0X,XX € (XX,XX €)	20-39
	XXX,XX € (XXX,XX €)	XXX,XX € (XXX,XX €)	40-69
	XXX,X0 € (XXX,XX €)	XXXX,X0 € (XXX,XX €)	> 70
	Faxes	Black & White	Color
	without multiple copy function	X0,XX € (X,XX €)	X0,XX €

with multiple copy function	X0,XX € (XX,XX €)	XX,XX €		
with a toner-based print	XX,XX € (23,98 €)	XX,XX €		
Scanners				
<i>Contractual tariff</i>	Black & White	Color		
Manual Scanner	X,XX €	X,XX €		
12 ppm or less	XX,X0 €	XX,X0 €		
13-35	XX,XX €	XXX,X0 €		
36-70	XXX,X0 €	XXX,X0 €		
70 ppm or more	XXX,XX €	X0X,XX €		
<i>Published tariff</i>				
Scans per minute/ Resolution	-12 ppm	13-35 ppm	36-70 ppm	> 70 ppm
200 to 599 dpi	XX,XX €	XX,XX €	XXX,XX €	XXX,XX €
600 to 1199 dpi	X0,XX €	XXX,XX €	XXX,XX €	
> 1199 dpi	XX,XX €	XXX,XX €	XXX,XX €	
PC				
Device	Tariff published: XX € – subject of litigation			

* From the category "to 4 GB" the tariff decreases about 1/3, provided that the memory media also took up for not liable to remuneration ones (e.g. own photos and films) can be used.

** A reduction of max. 1/3 can be applied if the device is used for multifunctional purpose.

*** The remuneration is calculated as a percentage of the retail price. Calculation base is the retail price of the first placing on the market in Austria. This is e.g. the retail price at which the Austrian importer sells the concerning device to the first buyer in the commercial chain in Austria, or also the retail price at which it a foreign shop assistant sells to the first buyer in the commercial chain or possibly in the way of Internet trade to the user in Austria. The value added tax and other deliveries are to be brought in deduction.

****The Calculation for MFDs on Laser technologies (no Inkjet devices) depends on the levies for their single functions, respectively the highest (copy-, print- or fax function) is crucial.

Collection

Responsible for the collection of the rates are a number of collecting societies (Literar Mechana GmbH, Austro-Mechana, AKM reg Gen mbH, LSG GmbH, LVG, VAM, VBK, VBT, VdFS reg Gen mbH and VGR).

§ 42b(5) of Austria's Copyright Law stipulates that the collecting societies are authorized to collect and distribute the levies.

(5) Vergütungsansprüche nach den Abs. 1 und 2 können nur von Verwertungsgesellschaften geltend gemacht werden.

(6) Die Verwertungsgesellschaft hat die angemessene Vergütung zurückzuzahlen
1. an denjenigen, der Trägermaterial oder ein Vervielfältigungsgerät vor der Veräußerung an den Letztverbraucher in das Ausland ausführt;
2. an denjenigen, der Trägermaterial für eine Vervielfältigung auf Grund der Einwilligung des Berechtigten benutzt; Glaubhaftmachung genügt.

Reporting Requirements:

Display:

According to the national laws, there is no regulation to display on calculations and/or contracts the paid fees for the equipment or storage medium and/or quote the fee (sum in Euro).

Refunding:

There is the possibility of refunding.

Subject of the contract/reporting: Invoice of the purchaser, confirmation of border crossing (ex EU) and payment receipt.

Reporting/Payment:

The reporting format is paper form; frequency is quarterly and payment is invoiced;

date/time frame: by the end of the following month of a quarter; data required: sales price, tariff, product/model, number, amount.

Collecting Societies

Blank media:

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Annex

- [Austria Copyright Law 2003](#)
- [Austria Amendment 2006](#)
- [Austria Agreement Blank Tape 2007](#)
- [Austria Agreement Copier 2007](#)
- [Austria Agreement Printer 2007](#)
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