

Statutory levies and taxes

1.1 Bebat

As from 19/01/2004 our prices for products containing batteries are increased with € 0.12 environmental fee (Bebat) per battery.

We refer to the www.bebat.be website for additional information.

1.2 Auvibel

Our prices for digital carriers

- of the CD type (writable or rewritable, regardless of their capacity) are increased with € 0.12 Auvibel contribution (copyright contribution)
- of the DVD type (writable or rewritable, regardless of their capacity) are increased with € 0.40 Auvibel contribution (copyright contribution).

The Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 28 March 1996 concerning the right for the authors, the performing artists and the producers of phonograms and audiovisual work to be paid for the copying for personal use of their work, was published on 22 July 2003.

Consequently, as from 22 July 2003 in accordance with the stipulations of the Decree mentioned above, which confirms the point of view of Auvibel concerning the interpretation of the Royal Decree of 4 April 2003, Auvibel collects the fee for copying for personal use, amounting to € 0.12 (CD-R(W)) or € 0.40 (DVD-(+)R(W) / DVD-RAM) per disk, regardless of its capacity.

We refer to the www.auvibel.be website for additional information.

1.3 Reprobel

Whenever applicable, our prices (a/o for copying machines, fax machines, duplicators, office offset machines and scanners) are increased with the applicable Reprobel contribution (for the amount of the contributions we refer to the website of Reprobel).

Reprobel is a cooperative society, formed on 27 June 1994. Reprobel represents fifteen Belgian management companies for authors and publishers. They group writers, journalists, photographers, illustrators, authors of scientific or educational texts, playwrights, composers and publishers of newspapers, periodicals, books and musical scores.

By Royal Decree of 15 October 1997, Reprobel was appointed to collect and distribute the copyrights. Reprobel is the only society authorised and obliged to manage these copyrights.

Article 1 of the new Law on Copyright of 30 June 1994 stipulates that the reproduction of a protected work is allowed only with the permission of the publisher or author. Without permission, the user is liable to punishment under civil and criminal law. However, the law provides an important exception. You may copy brief extracts from books, whole articles or photographs without the prior permission of the entitled parties, but only under very specific conditions:

1) you copy them for private use, internal use or educational purposes without being prejudicial to the original publication of the work

and

2) you pay a remuneration to the authors and publishers through Reprobel.

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1.4 Recupel

Since 1/07/2001 the sales prices of the articles mentioned below is increased with the following legal recycling contributions (this list is not exhaustive):

	EUR excl.BTW	EUR incl.BTW
Personal computers	0,04	0,05
Portable > 4kg	0,04	0,05
Monitors LCD	0,41	0,50
Monitors CRT	0,41	0,50
Laptop (> 1,4 kg & < 4 kg)	0,04	0,05
Printers (< 20 kg) Fax (< 7 kg)	0,04	0,05
Foto printer (< 4kg)	0,04	0,05
Photocopiers, all-in-one (< 35 kg)	0,04	0,05
Small IT (keyboard, mouse, PDA, external drives (CD-ROM, zip drive, DVD, ...), scanning pen, notebook (< 1.4 kg), web cam, external modem, UPS =< 1KVA, USB hub, docking station)	0,04	0,05
Telecom (mobile phone, telephone, GPS device)	0,04	0,05
Plasma/LCD TV Monitor with integrated Tuner	0,82	1,00
Scanner (< 5 kg)	0,04	0,05
Projector (< 6 kg)	0,04	0,05
Game computer	0,08	0,10
Video-audio reception/recording and reproduction (digital/analogue camera)	0,08	0,10

These recycling contributions finance the processing of old electronic material by RECUPEL in accordance with the Environmental Policy Agreements between professional federations in the IT sector on the one hand, and the different regions on the other hand.

The recycling contributions will be charged for inter-community deliveries in accordance with article 39 bis of the VAT code, as imposed by Recupel.

For more information, we refer to the www.recupel.be website.