



Environmental Surcharge/Tmac value 2013

The Environmental Surcharge, which relates to mercury abatement, has now been reviewed for 2013.

The surcharge reflects the additional capital and revenue costs relating to the introduction and operation of mercury abatement plant and is now being charged by crematoria across the UK. It will be used to set the value of a Tradable mercury abated cremation (Tmac) for the Pilot Trading process in 2013 and actual trading from 2014 onwards.

The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities recommend that the income resulting from this charge is ring fenced to be used in connection with mercury abatement, burden sharing or improvements to the crematorium. The charge should be identified separately on invoices in order that the bereaved may be aware of its existence and its cost.

The surcharge takes into account a number of factors, including the capital costs associated with civil works and the purchase of equipment, the revenue costs relating to servicing, maintenance, electricity and reagent.

The Environmental Surcharge/Tmac value is reviewed annually in November to reflect the latest increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Office of National Statistics announced that the CPI inflation rose to 2.7% during October. As a result the current Environmental Surcharge/Tmac value will increase from £47 to £48.27p from the 1st January 2013.

The Pilot Trading Process will use the figure of £48.27p when calculating the financial implications which would have arisen for members had trading actually been taking.

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