

FILING FEE SURCHARGE: APPEAL PROCEDURE

The National Bank of Belgium is required by law to impose a surcharge on behalf of the federal authorities for the late filing of annual accounts. It is not authorised to grant exceptions to this rule.

Procedure to contest the surcharge

1. Send a letter by regular mail within 18 months from the closing date of the annual accounts to the following address:
FPS Economy
DG Market Regulation and Organisation
Annual Accounts Unit
City Atrium – 50 rue du Progrès
1210 Brussels
2. In this letter, cite *force majeure* and request reimbursement of the surcharge. You should also mention the circumstances that led to the event of *force majeure* and the bank account number to which the surcharge can be refunded.
3. Please enclose with this letter a copy of the annual accounts filing notice (sent to you within 11 days from filing) and all documents proving the event of *force majeure*.
4. The FPS Economy will immediately acknowledge receipt of your request by return letter. It may nevertheless ask you to provide additional information or documents.
5. The representative of the minister for economic affairs will inform you of the decision taken by regular mail. If the event of *force majeure* is accepted, the FPS Finance will automatically refund the surcharge to the bank account indicated in your letter.

For more information on surcharges, please contact the FPS Economy:

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