

### **Price surcharges for charges under public law**

In addition to the remuneration specified in the offer/contract, the Customer will pay us a surcharge corresponding to the taxes, duties, levies and other similar charges prescribed or imposed by law, by public authorities or otherwise by virtue of public law in connection with the transport and/or disposal of the waste or the other provision of services covered by the contract (hereinafter collectively referred to as "public-law charges"). This also applies if other companies act on our behalf.

To the extent that the exact amount of the public-law charges is already known at the time the contract is concluded, these are shown separately in the offer/contract. This includes, in particular, currently applicable tolls for transport services.

The provisions in clause 1 above will also apply to any public-law charges introduced or changed after the conclusion of the contract which directly or indirectly make disposal or transport or other services called for under the contract more or less expensive. In this case and for the purpose of passing on these public-law charges, we are entitled and obliged to adjust the surcharge in accordance with the introduced charge or changes that have occurred; we will, without delay, notify the Customer as soon as the amount of the adjustment is known. This applies both to increases and to reductions or the elimination of public-law charges.

Clause 3 above covers in particular the charges resulting from amendments to the Fuel Emissions Trading Act (*Brennstoffemissionshandelsgesetz - BEHG*), in particular the Second Act Amending the Fuel Emissions Trading Act (*Zweites Gesetz zur Änderung des Brennstoffemissionshandelsgesetzes*). According to the statutory provisions, from 1 January 2024, where waste is used as fuel, these emissions are also to be included in CO2 pricing, and the operators of waste disposal plants are to be obliged to purchase emission certificates per ton of CO2 emitted. At present, the costs arising for us and/or the operators of the respective disposal plants commissioned by us in connection with the acquisition of the necessary emission certificates pursuant to the Second Act Amending the Fuel Emissions Trading Act cannot be estimated. These costs incurred by us in connection with the provision of the contractual services must be borne by the Customer and will be billed as a pro rata surcharge; we will inform the Customer of the cost or allocation key (which will be identical for all customers) used for calculating the costs. This will apply regardless of whether the emission allowances are issued by the competent authority or acquired on the open market via another holder of such emission allowances. During the introductory phase lasting until 2026, the cost per certificate will be fixed and will rise annually (probably) up to EUR 65 per metric ton of CO2; afterwards, from 2027, all certificates must be auctioned on the open market with no fixed price. At the time of the conclusion of contract, the legislation provides for the following cost increments for certificates during the phase-in period:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Price per ton of CO2 in EUR</b>
2021	25
2022	30
2023	30
2024	35
2025	45
2026	55 to 65