



RULES OF THE EUROPEAN EGG PACKERS AND TRADERS ASSOCIATION

'EEPTA'

Member of EUWEP

PREAMBLE

EEPTA is an EU association created and registered under the laws of Denmark on the 19th of March 2019. However, EEPTA is to the widest possible extent to be considered a succession of the association with the same name created on the 5th of June 1997.

§ 1 NAME

The international organizations of egg wholesalers have decided to create the 'European Egg Packers and Traders Association EEPTA'.

EEPTA is a member organization of the 'European Union of Wholesale with Eggs, Egg Products, Poultry and Game EUWEP'.

§ 2 SEAT

EEPTA has its seat in Copenhagen, Denmark. The seat of EEPTA can only be transferred by decision of the Council of EEPTA with a majority of three quarters (3/4) of those present and voting.

§ 3 DATE OF CREATION AND YEAR OF ASSOCIATION

EEPTA was created on the 19th of March 2019 for an unlimited period.

The financial year of association starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

§ 4 AIMS

The aim of EEPTA is to represent, protect and to defend the rights, commercial functions and professional interests of its members.

EEPTA will strive to reach this aim by:

- a. strengthening cooperation between the members and by maintaining contacts with other professional organizations.
- b. studying professional common problems in order to reach common solutions.
- c. representing the interests of the members with authorities and institutions, namely with the European Union.

EEPTA will undertake no commercial operations.

§ 5 INSTITUTIONS

The institutions of EEPTA are:

- a. The Council
- b. The Board

§ 6 MEMBERSHIP

- a. National, independent, professional organizations of egg traders and/or packers can be members of EEPTA.
- b. Individual egg traders or packer companies can be members of EEPTA provided that there is no national organization, as defined under a). No more than two (2) individual companies per country can be a member of EEPTA.
- c. As soon as a national organization, as defined under a) is established, individual membership of companies for the respective country is ended.
- d. The organizations and/or companies, as defined under a) and b), are established in EU Member State.
- e. National organizations and/or companies, as defined under a) and b), which originate from a country outside the EU but have concluded commercial treaties with the EU, can be accepted by the Council as associated members of EEPTA.

§ 7 APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Applications for membership have to be submitted in writing. Acceptance by the Council of EEPTA requires a majority of at least two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting.

Admission of new members can be realized at any time during the year. In that case the level of contribution will be proportional to the respective remaining period of that year.

In case of refused membership, the candidate can appeal in writing to the Council of EEPTA against the decision taken by the Council of EEPTA within four weeks following the date of receipt of the decision of the Council of EEPTA.

§ 8 RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION

Resignation from EEPTA is possible only at the end of a year. It must be sent in writing by the organization or company to EEPTA, at least three (3) months before the end of the year.

The Board of EEPTA may decide by a majority of at least two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting to suspend the membership of a member organization or company of EEPTA if:

- a. the organization no longer complies with the membership conditions fixed by § 6 of these rules.
- b. the organization acts contrary to the aims and decisions of EEPTA and/or EUWEP.
- c. the organization does not respect its financial obligations towards EEPTA.

The Board may instead decide to present the case to the Council of EEPTA and let the Council of EEPTA decide whether to suspend the membership.

The suspension comes into force on the day of notification to this member and remains in force until the next Council meeting of EEPTA.

The Council of EEPTA decides on either the discontinuation of the suspension or on the permanent exclusion of this organization.

Decisions on suspension or exclusion can only be taken after having given the member an opportunity to present its defence. During the duration of suspension this organization has no vote.

The resignation or exclusion does not free this member from its financial obligations towards EEPTA before this event and gives no right on the assets of EEPTA.

§ 9 CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENT

- a. The contribution for EEPTA membership is determined at an annual basis. The Council of EEPTA decides on the level of the annual contribution, which includes a contribution to EUWEP.
- b. The Board of EEPTA proposes the amount of the respective annual contribution to the Council.
- c. For every country the amount of the annual contribution is identical.
- d. Where more than one national organization of a single country is a member of EEPTA, the proportion to be paid by each organization must be decided by those organizations themselves.
- e. For individual companies, being a member of EEPTA, the annual contribution is half of the amount of the country's contribution, as defined under b) and c) of this paragraph.
- f. For associated members of EEPTA, as defined in § 6, under e), the annual contribution is half of the amount of the country's contribution, as defined under b) and c) of this paragraph.
- g. Each organization and/or company is a debtor to EEPTA and is responsible for payment of the country's contribution.
- h. Contributions are due immediately after the decision of the Council and will be paid one month after the written demand of the Secretariat. Nevertheless, the Board of EEPTA may ask for payment of a proportion of the amount before the date of the Council.

§ 10 THE COUNCIL

The Council of EEPTA will meet at least twice a year.

The main tasks of the Council of EEPTA on the ordinary annual general meeting are the following:

- a. election of the Board.
- b. fixation of the annual contribution.
- c. approval of the years' report and of the financial accounts.

- d. decisions on the policy and/or activities to realize the aims of EEPTA, as defined under § 4.

§ 11 COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

All countries may officially appoint up to two (2) country delegates. These delegates constitute the Council of EEPTA.

In the case of membership of individual companies one (1) delegate per company may be appointed.

Associated members, as defined under § 6, under e), may appoint up to two (2) country delegates.

§ 12 ATTENDANCE TO THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a. All officially appointed Council members will be invited to attend EEPTA meetings.
- b. If the delegates are not able to attend the meeting, they may be represented by a deputy.
- c. Council meetings are open for all members of the national organizations and/or companies, being a member of EEPTA, unless otherwise is decided by the Council.
- d. Council meetings are open for all members of the national organizations and/or companies, being an associated member of EEPTA, unless otherwise is decided by the Council.
- e. The secretariat of EEPTA will be informed who are to attend a Council meeting beforehand.

§ 13 ASSIGNMENT OF VOTES AND VOTING

- a. In the Council every country has two (2) votes.
- b. The organizations must inform the secretariat which of the official country delegates and/or deputies are to vote.
- c. In case of one (1) representative, the delegate has two (2) votes.
- d. The individual companies must inform the secretariat which official delegate and/or deputy are to vote.
- e. In case of several national organizations per country they must decide how to divide the country's votes.
- f. Associated members, as defined under § 6, under e), have no votes.

Notwithstanding this § 13 it is the intention of the members of EEPTA that all decisions of the Council shall be made unanimously if possible.

Decisions are made by the Council by a simple majority unless otherwise stated in these rules of EEPTA.

§ 14 THE BOARD

The Board of EEPTA is constituted as follows:

- a. the Chairman of EEPTA.
- b. the Vice-Chairman of EEPTA.
- c. the Treasurer of EEPTA.
- d. the Secretary General of EEPTA
- e. the immediate past Chairman
- f. One other member of the Council

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and the “One other member of the Council” are from different countries.

The Board of EEPTA manages the business of EEPTA following the directives given by the Council.

Decisions of the Board are made with a majority of two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. The Secretary General has no vote.

§ 15

THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND OTHER MEMBER

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and the “One other member of the Council” are elected by secret votes by the Council of EEPTA. They are elected from the officially appointed delegates.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and the “One other member of the Council” are elected for two (2) years. They may be re-elected.

The year of electing the Chairman and the Treasurer is different from the year in which the Vice-Chairman and the “One other member of the Council” is elected.

The Chairman presides over the Council and over the meetings of the Board of EEPTA. When he is not able to preside a meeting, the Vice-Chairman will take over.

In both their absence at a Council meeting the Council will choose a temporary chairman.

§ 16

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General of EEPTA is to be appointed by the Council.

The Secretary General is appointed for an unlimited period.

Any member may propose that another candidate shall be appointed Secretary General by the Council. The Council will then decide whether to appoint the proposed candidate or re-appoint the Secretary General.

§ 17

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Board of EEPTA may, if it deems this necessary, call an extraordinary Council meeting. The Board must do so within two (2) months, if at least one third (1/3) of the members have expressed this wish in writing and given reasons.

§ 18

PROCEDURES

The official language of EEPTA is English.

Invitations to meetings, as well as documents relating to them, will be sent to all members of EEPTA and to their delegates.

Documents for a meeting will be sent at the latest seven (7) days before the date of the meeting.

The secretariat of EUWEP will receive minutes of meetings and be informed by EEPTA on all matters concerning the general interests of the wholesale with eggs.

§ 19
POWERS TO BIND EEPTA

EEPTA shall be bound by the joint signatures of the Chairman and another member of the Board or by the Chairman and the Secretary General or by three members of the Board.

The Board may grant the Secretary General power of procuration.

§ 20
MODIFICATION OF THE RULES

The Council of EEPTA may decide to modify these rules of EEPTA with a majority of at least three quarters (3/4) of those present and voting, provided that:

- a. at least half (1/2) of the officially assigned votes is present.
- b. the modification proposals have been put on the agenda of the meeting.

If the rules cannot be amended only due to § 20, a. the Council of EEPTA may adopt the amendment at the following Council meeting notwithstanding § 20, a.

§ 21
DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of EEPTA may be decided by the Council according to § 20.

The Council decides on the use of the assets of EEPTA. The assets can only be given to objectives of public interests.

Adopted by the founding members, Bruxelles, 19th of March 2019