



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

Eighty-fourth Session

**APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX**

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat in collaboration with FAO and WHO)

1. The Executive Committee (CCEXEC) is hereby invited, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* (“the Principles”), to provide advice regarding the applications for Observer Status from the International Non-Governmental Organizations neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO, as included in the Annexes.
2. With reference to FAO’s Strategy for Private Sector Engagement (2021-2025) and its impact on Codex¹, FAO advised the Codex Secretariat to continue to apply the existing rules established in the Procedural Manual (PM) and the relevant texts of FAO, noting at the same time that broader discussions on Observer Status in FAO governing bodies and other statutory bodies were still ongoing between FAO and its Members.
3. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO will decide whether the applicant organizations are to be granted observer status, taking into account all relevant information received from each applicant organization and the advice of the Executive Committee.
4. This document contains the following applications:

Annex	Name
Annex 1	COFALEC
Annex 2	ICA
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International Cellulosics Association (ICA)

5. In 2020, the *Organisation des Fabricants de produits Cellulosiques Alimentaires* (OFCA), a former NGO with Observer Status with Codex, informed the Codex Secretariat that it would transfer its activities and operations to a newly established entity called the International Cellulosics Association (ICA). ICA was officially incorporated as an NGO under Belgium law on 10 August 2020.
6. Based on the documentation provided by ICA, it is noted that:
 - While ICA is a new legal entity, it has demonstrated a continuity with OFCA’s activities and operations. In particular, ICA has confirmed that it has the same mandate, objectives, structure and composition as the former organization and that the remaining funds of OFCA were all transferred to ICA upon its dissolution.
 - Since ICA was registered as an NGO on 10 August 2020, it does not formally meet the requirement set out in the Principles according to which an NGO is eligible for observer status if it has been established at least three years prior to its application. The three-year requirement will be met by ICA on 10 August 2023, i.e. around one month after the 84th session of the Executive Committee.

¹ CX/EXEC 22/82/6

7. In light of the continuation by ICA of OFCA's activities and operations, CCEXEC84 is nonetheless invited to consider granting observer status to ICA based on a flexible application of the three-year requirement, also considering that ICA would be only one month short of meeting that requirement at the time of CCEXEC84 and that it satisfies all the other criteria set forth in the Principles.

Annex 1**a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

Confederation of European Yeast Producers, COFALEC

b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website address as appropriate

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(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organizations, and methods of operation (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.) Date of establishment.

Please find attached a copy of COFALEC latest statutes. <https://www.cofalec.com/business-and-economy/cofalec-administrators/>

Founded in 1959, COFALEC is the Confederation of European Yeast Producers. It is composed of 47 entities present in 24 member states (of which 22 European Union countries). It represents almost all the EU yeast sector (95%).

The European yeast industry is the world leader, accounting for 35% of the global production.

As the body that represents the interests of European yeast manufacturers, COFALEC has set itself several objectives and is responsible:

- To promote and create awareness of the European yeast industry, which is a world leader in a very strategic and innovative field – the industry is thus a key asset for Europe;
- To defend the interests of the sector to the decision-makers, in particular European decision-makers, to ensure that the sector continues to be dynamic and maintain its world leadership;
- To create awareness of European yeast-producers' environmental excellence, which complies with the aims of the new European Green Deal;
- To elaborate common technical specifications for each type of yeast and each application of yeast.

COFALEC is the voice of the European yeast industry

COFALEC also works in conjunction with all its members to increase the awareness of European public authorities, of actors in the food chain, and of the general public, of the solutions provided by the yeast sector in terms of improving food chain sustainability.

(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.)

COFALEC is the Confederation of European yeast producers that represents the yeast industry in Europe. It was founded in 1959 and is composed of 47 entities present in 24 member states, of which 22 European Union countries. With 29 factories scattered throughout Europe, one million tons of yeast produced each year and more than 30% of the production exported outside Europe, the European yeast industry is the biggest player in the world.

National Yeast Associations are present in 6 European countries (Germany, France, United Kingdom, Poland, Italy, Spain). In these countries, the national association is member of COFALEC.

Please find attached a file entitled «Members & producers COFALEC» which details COFALEC members:

<https://www.cofalec.com/business-and-economy/cofalec-members-producers/>

(e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on specific topics; if any, etc.)

Our organization is managed by a Board of Directors, which defines its strategy and policy directions. COFALEC's Board of Directors makes decisions and approves proposals put forward by committees.

All the members of COFALEC attend General Meetings once a year, during which they approve the confederation's strategies, aims and budget.

Four committees (the Environment, Technical, Communications and Wine Yeasts Committees), each of which are co-ordinated by a Chair, are – with the assistance of the Secretary General – the work bodies that manage the various cross-disciplinary issues the sector faces.

The Committees' work is driven by the experience and expertise of the experts delegated by member firms.

COFALEC's permanent staff manage and co-ordinate its activities.

They work on behalf of the European yeast industry, acting as the intermediary between firms, with public authorities, with government agencies and with all COFALEC's other partners, within the framework of the strategy directions decided by the confederation's Board of Directors and President.

(f) Indication of source of funding (e.g., membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).

Our financing is ensured by an annual membership contribution system voted during the General Assembly each year and based on the population in a country.

- + 50 million inhabitants
- + 25 M - 50 M
 - Between 10 and 25 M
 - Between 5 and 10 M
 - Less than 5M

(g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity.

Below is the average frequency of each of COFALEC's committees and structures (number of members and participants)

- Board: = 5 meetings per year in average (5 members and 6 participants in average (including the Secretary General))
- Technical Committee: = 5 meetings per year in average (10 members and 9 participants in average (including the Secretary General))
- Environmental Committee: = 5 meetings per year in average (10 members and 9 participants in average (including the Secretary General))
- Communication Committee: = 3 meetings per year in average (5 members and 6 participants in average (including the Secretary General))
- Wine Yeast: = 4 meetings per year in average (5 members and 6 participants in average (including the Secretary General))
- Director's meeting: The directors of the national yeast associations meet once a year in order to exchange about emerging issues

(h) Relations with other international organizations:

- UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).
- Other international organizations (documents substantive activities).

COFALEC is a member of Food Drink Europe, which represents the European Food and Drink Industry.

COFALEC is also cooperating with Eurasymp, which represents the Yeast Extract Producers. "EURASYP" is the abbreviation for the European Association for Specialty Yeast Products, which represents the political and economic interests of its members. One of the association's main goals is to disseminate information to the public, to strengthen the awareness of specialty yeast products – including yeast extract – as an ingredient in a wide variety of products and dishes.

(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.

Participate in the work on standards developed in General Subject Committees: such as Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, Codex Committee on Food Additives, Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues and Codex Committee on Food Labelling. As well as possible specific work on yeast and yeast products.

(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the Regional Coordinating Committees and/or the National Codex Contact Points or Committees for at least the last three years preceding the application).

COFALEC represented Food Drink Europe (i.e. the federation representing the food and drink industry in the European Union), between 2010 and 2013 at CCFA meetings.

COFALEC notably participated to work on these 2 major topics:

1. Work on authorisation of E 491-495, sorbitan esters of fatty acids in yeast product (Food category 12.8)
2. Work on wine regarding the creation of a list of technological/processing aids authorized in wine production in connection with OENNOPIA (3 trips to China)

(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.

During the 44th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that took place in October 2021, China presented a proposal for the development of a Codex standard for yeast.

This work would present a significant interest and may have a major impact on COFALEC members, that are world leaders in yeast production (more than 35% of yeast world production). Furthermore, COFALEC members export more than 30% of their production outside EU and are thus interested by any decision that would affect international trade of their products. Therefore, it is of utmost importance for COFALEC to be able to monitor and participate to the future works that will be conducted on this topic.

According to the 44 th session of the Joint FAO/WHO standards Programme of the Codex Alimentarius Commission that took place on November 18th, 2021, this work will be examined by the CCFA (codex committee on Food Additives).

Therefore, COFALEC wishes to participate to the CCFA working group to be able to follow the potential dedicated working group in charge of the elaboration of the Yeast Standard at Codex level.

(l) Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.

No previous applications for Observer status on behalf of COFALEC.

(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non-Government Organization.

English

(n) Name, function and address of the person providing the information.

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(o) Signature and date.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D DORE". The letters are written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

28/04/2022

Annex 2**a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

International Cellulosics Association (ICA)

b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate.**ICA - International Cellulosics Association**

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c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.). Date of establishment

ICA was created on 10 August 2020 as an International Not for profit association under Belgian Code for companies and associations (see attached in *Annex 1, the Deed of Incorporation of ICA* (in French as it is one of the official languages of Belgium)).

Based on the ICA Statutes (see attached in *Annex 2, the ICA Statutes*) Art. 3. Purpose, the Association has as international non-profit making purpose of international use:

To support the interest of its members with regards to the manufacturing and use of cellulose and cellulose derivatives in foodstuffs, pharmaceutical products, feedstuffs, personal care as well as in other industrial applications, by:

1. Informing members on official rules and regulations concerning cellulose and cellulose derivatives at international level.
2. Being a trusted knowledge partner on the science behind the safety of cellulose and cellulose derivatives.
3. Coordinating and commissioning analytical and toxicological research work, particularly with a view to continue demonstrating the safety of cellulose and cellulose derivatives for human health.
4. Supporting the evaluation and related activities of cellulose and cellulose derivatives for their use in foodstuffs, pharmaceutical products, feedstuffs, personal care as well as in other industrial applications.
5. Implementing education activities on the benefits of cellulose and cellulose derivatives.
6. Coordinating appropriate activities with other relevant stakeholders involved with cellulose and cellulose derivatives to achieve the above-mentioned objectives.

Note that ICA does not have Rules of Procedures.

d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission).

ICA has 5 members which are corporations. Their names, addresses and names of principal officers are as follows:

1. SE Tylose
 - Building E 542, Kasteler Straße 45, 65203 Wiesbaden (Germany)
 - Mr Eckart Kraemer (President of ICA)
2. IFF (former name is Dupont and name used for the incorporation is Genecor, the Belgian subsidiary of IFF)
 - Chemin du Pavillon 2, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland
 - Mr Alberto Celada (Vice President)
3. Ashland
 - Rheinweg 11, Schaffhausen, 8200, Switzerland
 - Mr Tim McArragher (Treasurer and Chair Technical Working Group)
4. JRS Rettenmaier
 - J. Rettenmaier & Söhne GmbH + Co KG, 73494 Rosenberg, Germany
 - Mr Juergen Sieg
5. Nouryon*
 - Haaksbergweg 88 – De Oliphant Building, 1101 BZ Amsterdam
 - Mr Robert van Gemert

* CP Kelco was acquired by Nouryon in June 2020 – in ICA, Nouryon represents also the cellulose business of CP Kelco.

e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, if any; etc.).

ICA meets one per year for the General Assembly where all members are invited to attend and vote on the statutory matters. The Board – composed of Mr Eckart Kraemer from SE Tylose and President, Mr Alberto Celada from IFF and Vice President and Mr Tim McArragher from Ashland and Treasurer – meets 5 times per years.

The Technical Working Group is composed by several representatives of the members and meets also 5 times per year and held conference calls in between meeting as appropriate and necessary. This is the Committee that will typically discuss agenda items relevant to food additives and will consider participation at and contribution to CCFA and Codex activities.

Mr Jakub Rusek of the Secretariat will attend the CCFA meetings/virtual meeting and represent the association at Codex level.



f) Indication of source of funding (e.g. membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).

Funding is only via membership contributions (dues). The yearly total of the membership dues shall be sufficient to cover the operating expenses of the Association for that year.

See “Article 10: Membership Dues” and “Article 11: Payment of Dues and Other Fees and default of payment” in the ICA Statutes for more details.

g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity.

The ICA General Assembly meets once a year, an extraordinary General Assembly is organized on a need-be basis.

Members meet five times per year at Board levels.

The Technical Working Group is composed by several representatives of the members and meets also 5 times per year and held conference calls in between meeting, as appropriate and necessary. This is the Committee that will typically discuss agenda items relevant to food additives and will consider participation at and contribution to CCFA and Codex activities.

Mr Jakub Rusek of the Secretariat will attend the CCFA meetings/virtual meeting and represent the association at Codex level.

ICA responded to the (eWG) on the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) to the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

First Circular – Appendix A

Recirculation of specific draft and proposed draft provisions from Appendix 4 of CX/FA 20/52/7: additives intended for use as a glaze or in a glaze/coating or wax for surface treatment in food categories 04.1.1.2 and 04.2.1.2

ICA responded to the first and the second recirculation Appendix 4 of CX/FA 20/52/7 in support of the continuation of the following food additives:

- INS 464 - HYDROXYPROPYL METHYL CELLULOSE
- INS 463 - HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

ICA responses are in *Annex 3 - OFCA comments on Appendix A - 1st Recirculation - GSFA eWG 52CCFA on 18 September 2020* and *Annex 4 - OFCA comments on Appendix A - 2nd Recirculation - GSFA eWG 52CCFA on 27 November 2020*.

Annex 5 – Extracts on the Minutes of the ICA Board and Technical Working Group on 17 November 2020 where the discussion on the above issue took place.

h) Relations with other international organizations:

- UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).
- Other international organizations (document substantive activities).

In addition to its implication in Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) & Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) of CODEX Alimentarius, ICA also follows the work of United States Pharmacopeia (USP - [link: U.S. Pharmacopeia \(usp.org\)](http://usp.org)) and has notably recently contributed to draft monograph for Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium as published in the Pharmacopeial Forum 46(5) (see Annex 7).

i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

ICA will be a proactive contributor to Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) & Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) meetings of CODEX Alimentarius. This is because cellulose and its derivatives are food additives, as follows:

- INS 460(i) - Microcrystalline Cellulose (Cellulose Gel)
- INS 460(ii) - Powdered Cellulose
- INS 461 - Methyl Cellulose
- INS 462 - Ethyl cellulose
- INS 463 - Hydroxypropyl Cellulose

- INS 464 - Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose
- INS 465 - Methyl Ethyl Cellulose
- INS 466 - Sodium Carboxymethyl Cellulose (Cellulose Gum)
- INS 467 - Ethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose
- INS 468 - Cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (Cross-linked-cellulose gum)
- INS 469 - Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, enzymatically hydrolysed (Cellulose gum, enzymatically hydrolyzed)

j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the Regional Coordinating Committees and/or the National Codex Contact Points or Committees for at least the last three years preceding the application).

ICA - International Cellulosics Association is the former OFCA - Organisation des Fabricants de produits Cellulosiques Alimentaires.

OFCA has been extremely active in Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) as cellulose and its derivatives are food additives.

OFCA has attended the CCFA meetings (it was present already in 2007 and in many years after that) and has proactively participated and contributed to the work of CCFA related to cellulose and its derivatives (INS 460 to 469), including participation at eWGs and physical WGs of GSFA, INS and Alignment and CCFA meetings since more than 15 years.

OFCA has also contributed to JECFA work for the assessment of the safety and the developments of the specifications on cellulose and its derivatives (INS 460 to 469) at international level.

k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.

ICA will be a proactive contributor to Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) & Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) meetings of CODEX Alimentarius.

ICA, as successor of OFCA, strongly wishes to continue its proactive participation at CODEX/CCFA activities, in particular in relation to GSFA, as follows:

- Maintain the technological functions of cellulose and its derivatives and in existing provisions and provisions in the step process;
- Continue their use in the food categories already approved and consider approval in new food categories, as considered relevant by the manufacturers and users of these products;
- Ensure and maintain the appropriate use levels of cellulose and its derivatives in existing provisions and provision in the step process;

ICA will continue contribution to INS and Alignment, as appropriate.

ICA wishes to continue being a knowledge partner to JECFA on any question that might arise on the safety of cellulose and its derivatives.

l) Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.

OFCA has been extremely active in CCFA (Codex Committee on Food Additives) as cellulose and its derivatives are food additives.

OFCA has attended the CCFA meetings (it was present in 2007 already and in many years after that) and it was represented by Mr Evert Izeboud who has now retired. OFCA has proactively participated and contributed to the work of CCFA related to cellulose and its derivatives (INS 460 to 469), including eWGs, physical WGs on GSFA, INS and Alignment and CCFA meetings since more than 15 years. OFCA has also provided comments to Circular Letters in relation to cellulose and its derivatives.

OFCA has also contributed to JECFA work for the assessment of the safety and the development of specifications on cellulose and its derivatives at international level.

OFCA has now been dissolved as a legal entity in the Netherlands due to the retirement of Mr Izeboud. The members of OFCA have agreed to create a new legal entity with the same vision, mission and objective under Belgian Law for not-for-profit organization and to call the new association International Cellulosics Association (ICA). *Annex 6 is the official document on the dissolution of OFCA as a legal entity in the Netherlands from the KVK (Kamer van Koophandel - the Chamber of Commerce) stating the dissolution date of 1 June 2021.*

ICA, as successor of OFCA, strongly wishes to continue its proactive participation at CODEX/CCFA.

m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non-Governmental Organization.

All documentation should be provided in English.

n) Name, Function and address of the person providing the information.

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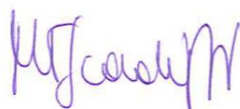
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o) Signature and date.

20 July 2021



Maria Teresa Scardigli

Secretary General

ICA - International Cellulosics Association

Annex 3**(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF)

(b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate.

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Website: www.ipiff.org

(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.). Date of establishment

Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization: European Union (EU) umbrella organisation representing actors active throughout the production of insects for food and feed.

Methods of operation: By-laws available here (please note that this is an internal IP/FF document).

Date of establishment: 13 April 2015

(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.)

The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) is an EU non-profit organisation which represents the interests of the insect production sector towards EU policymakers, European stakeholders and citizens. Originally created in 2013 and formally established in April 2015, IPIFF is present as the only interlocutor/ representative of the European insect producing sector towards the European institutions. The organisation is registered in the EU transparency register under the following number: 845856412747-32.

IPIFF is composed of 80 Members. The majority come from 14 EU Countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden).

Most IPIFF members are European (EU) small and medium-sized enterprises who produce insects for the European market. The association also welcomes insect producing companies located outside Europe, research institutes and other actors along the food supply chain.

In terms of the membership categories, IPIFF consists of (more details on the IPIFF website):

52 insect producing companies (i.e. Ordinary Members and Common Associated Members); 17 Universities and research institutes (i.e. Academic Members);

10 technology developers or equipment providers (i.e. Observers).

To IPIFF's knowledge, no other IPIFF Member was previously/is presently an observer member with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Note: more information around the structure and functioning of IP/FF can be provided upon request.

(e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, if any; etc.).

This matter is presented in more detail in the section IV of the IP/FF by-laws .

Article 16: IP/FF general assembly meetings

discussion fora for strategic directors of the association;

Article 18: Main functions of the executive committee

holding the power of initiative for strategic matters of relevance for the association;

Article 11: Policy working groups

defining the policy strategy of the association;

Article 22: Knowledge platforms

technical bodies created with the aim to strengthen the knowledge base of the IPIFF lobby/policy decisions and activities;

Article 24: missions & composition of the secretariat

in charge of the day-to-day management of the association.

(f) Indication of source of funding (e.g. membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).

Membership contributions

(g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity.

IPIFF organises biannual General Assemblies (about 25 internal IP/FF meetings are organised per year). At the latest General Assembly in December 2021, 59 member entities were represented.

Among others, the General Assembly validated the IPIFF work programme 2022-2024, a document which includes the development of 'baseline' standards for insects as food and feed under the Codex Alimentarius frameworks a medium-/long-term priority for the IPIFF association.

(h) Relations with other international organizations:

- **UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).**

- **Other international organizations (document substantive activities).**

IPIFF has no direct relation with any United Nations organ. However, IPIFF is in close collaboration with the offices of the Food and Agriculture Organisation on matters concerning new sources of nutrition (e.g. in 2021 IPIFF hosted a side event in the context of the United Nations Food Systems Pre-Summit).

(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.

IPIFF is particularly interested in the ongoing/future discussions around the subject of 'New food sources and production' (CL 2022/06/0CS-CCEXEC). The Secretariat and Executive Committee of IPIFF are keen on engaging with the Codex Secretariat, the Members and Observer organisations as part of those future discussions.

(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the Regional Coordinating Committees and/or the National Codex Contact Points or Committees for at least the last three years preceding the application).

IPIFF was not directly involved in such activities. In the context of FAO activities, IPIFF collaborated with the authors of several FAO reports on the subject of edible insects, including the report entitled 'Looking at edible insects from a food safety perspective'.

(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.

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Not applicable

(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which document at i on should be sent to the International NonGovernmental Organization.

English

(n) Name, Function and address of the person providing the information.

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a) Official Name of the Organization:

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF INDEPENDENTS LABORATORIES

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Website: www.uili.org

c) Aims and subject fields of the organization. Date of establishment.

The aims of UILI are to represent the professional and commercial interests of testing laboratories on an international basis.

Among the objectives of UILI are:

The international exchange of views on matters of laboratory management, laboratory quality assurance, laboratory accreditation, product certification, national and international standards, and international barriers to trade.

The management of UILI is organized through a General Assembly and a Governing Board.

Founded in 1960. Authorized by the Ministry of Interior of France on June 15th, 1961.

Constitution Charter is enclosed.

d) Member Organizations:

Our members National Associations representing testing laboratories.

AELI. Association of independent laboratories of Spain.

AOIL. Association of testing laboratories of India.

ASOCOLAB. Association of Laboratories of Colombia.

CALIBA. Association of Laboratories of Argentina.

CCIL. Council of Independent Laboratories of Canada.

IPAN. Association of the Public Analysts of Nigeria.

JEMCA. Association of the Environmental and Chemical Analysis of Japan.

RELACRE. Association of Accredited Laboratories of Portugal.

VRS. Association of Consultative Chemical Laboratories of The Netherlands.

EUROLAB. Federation of European Association of Testing Laboratories.

e) Structure:

The General Assembly meets at least every two years, make recommendations to the Governing Board on the activities of UILI. Every ordinary member has the right to participate in the General Assembly and vote.

The Governing Board is formed with one delegate for each Member Association, and two ordinary members representing the other ordinary members.

The Governing Board nominates a president, two vice-presidents and a Treasurer, for election by the General Assembly.

An Executive Committee, reporting to the Governing Board, made up of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary-General and two members of the Governing Board, will execute the normal business of UILI.

UILI organizes since 2004 an Interlaboratory Practice Program.

Report of the latest Assembly is attached.

f) Source of funding:

Membership contributions.

Incomes from activities of the Interlaboratory Practice Program.

g) Meetings.

General Assembly meets at least every two years. The Governing Board meets annually, and Executive Committee meets several times per year according with necessities.

UILI also organizes a Lab Meeting about scientific matters related with testing laboratories activities.

h) Relations with other international organizations:

ARAC. Arab Accreditation Body. Observer.

ISO. International Organization for Standardization. Observer.

UNIDO. United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

ILAC. International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation. Stakeholder Member.

EA. European Accreditation. Association of European Accreditation Bodies. Observers.

APAC. Asia-Pacific National Accreditation Bodies. Affiliated Member.

i) Expected contributions to the Joint FAO/OMS Food Standards Programme.

We would like to offer the experience of our organization and members in food testing to the Commission and Subsidiary Bodies in matters related to the quality performance in development and execution of "Fit for purpose" testing activities.

j) Cooperation with FAO

Many of our partners have cooperated individually with FAO and with the FAO / IAEA Joint Division and National Codex Commissions and Contact Points but we would be interested in establishing a strategic vision to guide our partners in collaborating with Joint FAO/WHO FOOD Standard Programme and with the different technical committees of Codex Alimentarius in which the laboratories of our associates have extensive scientific experiences.

k) Initially we interest in participate as observers in the Codex Committee of Methods of Analysis and Sampling and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food and General Assembly.

Neither UILI nor any of our Member Associations has applied previously for an observer status at Codex Alimentarius Committee.

l) Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.

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- m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International NonGovernmental Organization.**

English and Spanish.

- n) Name, function and address of the person providing the information.**

Alfredo M. Montes Niño, Member of the Governing Board

- o) Signature and date.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfredo M. Montes Niño', with a horizontal line underneath.

Alfredo M. Montes Niño

Member of the Governing Board