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Agenda Item 5

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

Sixty-ninth Session, WHO Headquarters  
Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 July 2014

### APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX

1. The Executive Committee 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*, 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. The representatives of the Legal Counsels of FAO and WHO will provide information at the session, on any further research that may be necessary concerning some of the applicants and any conditions to be included in case of acceptance e.g. for reason of double representation.
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 the applicant and the advice of the Executive Committee.
4. This document contains the following applications (the additional information referenced in some of the applications will be made available in CRDs at the session):

Annex	Name	Additional information
Annex 1	AHPA (American Herbal Products Association)	CRD1
Annex 2	CIDCE (Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement ; International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law)	CRD2
Annex 3	OENOPPIA (Oenological Products and Practices International Association)	CRD3
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## ANNEX 1: AHPA

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

American Herbal Products Association (AHPA)

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

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Email: [contact@ahpa.org](mailto:contact@ahpa.org); Web: [www.ahpa.org](http://www.ahpa.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.**

Founded in 1982, AHPA is the oldest of the non-profit organizations that specializes in service to the herbal industry. It is the voice of the herbal products industry and the recognized leader in representing the botanical trade. With more than 300 members, AHPA's membership represents the finest growers, processors, manufacturers, and marketers of botanical and herbal products.

All of AHPA's activities are focused on its mission to promote the responsible commerce of herbal products. Its work is undertaken to maintain and improve market opportunities for companies that sell herbs, herbal and botanical products, and other health-related products, including foods, beverages, dietary supplements, and personal care products, and to ensure that consumers continue to enjoy informed access to a wide choice of goods.

Please see the AHPA By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation provided as attachments to this application.

**(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).**

AHPA currently has 317 member companies located within twelve (12) countries:

United States (285), Australia (1), Canada (15), China (5), France (1), Germany (2), India (2), Malaysia (1), Mexico (1), Taiwan (1), United Kingdom (2), Vietnam (1).

Growers, importers, processors, marketers, and manufacturers of herbs and/or herbal products are eligible for full voting membership in the American Herbal Products Association (Active Member).

Organizations not directly engaged in but providing service to the herbal products industry may hold a nonvoting membership in the American Herbal Products Association (Associate Member). The Associate Member category includes but is not limited to researchers, educators, consultants, attorneys, the media, and medical professionals. Membership may be held by any legal entity, including individuals, corporations, and partnerships.

None of AHPA's current members hold observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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

AHPA is a not-for-profit trade association governed by a Board of Trustees composed of association members elected or appointed to serve on the Board. The structure and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are outlined in the AHPA By-Laws (see page 6). The Board elects its Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary from its members. An Executive Committee of the Board is formed from the Board officers and three additional trustees elected from the remaining Board membership.

The AHPA President serves as an *ex officio* member of the Board and the Executive Committee.

AHPA administers committees for the following areas of member interest:

- Analytical Laboratories Committee

- Animal Products Committee
- Ayurvedic Products Committee
- Botanical Personal Care Products Committee
- Botanical Raw Materials Committee
- Chinese Herbal Products Committee
- Communications Committee
- Education Committee
- Finance & Governance Committee
- Government Relations Committee
- International Committee
- Small Business Committee
- Sports Nutrition Committee
- Standards Committee
- Tea and Infusion Products Committee

Membership in AHPA committees is open to any AHPA member by request. Meetings of AHPA committees are open to guests at the invitation of AHPA staff or AHPA members. AHPA committees may form working groups composed of volunteers to discuss discrete topics or projects under a committee's scope, or to work jointly with other AHPA committees on topics of mutual interest.

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

AHPA is funded through the following sources:

- Membership contributions – 64%
- Services and contracts – 20%
- Events and Seminars – 6%
- Publications and Programs – 6%
- Sponsorships – 4%

**(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**

AHPA Board of Trustees meets three times per year; please refer to the attachment provided for the proceedings of the November 13, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. The Executive Committee may meet during the intervals between AHPA Board meetings to conduct any pressing association business.

Other AHPA committees meet on a schedule commensurate to the number of active projects within their scope of activity. Meetings are conducted via in-person and electronic formats.

A membership meeting is scheduled annually to conduct an election of the Board of Trustees and other business as needed.

**(h) Relations with other international organizations:**

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

AHPA has no consultative status or direct relationship with the UN or its organs. AHPA does contribute to the work of CITES, which is administered by the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which is the CITES Management Authority and Scientific Authority for the U.S.

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

*International Organization for Standardization (ISO)*

Mr. Michael McGuffin, President of AHPA, is the Chair of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (U.S. TAG) for ISO Technical Committee 249 Traditional Chinese Medicine (provisional)<sup>1</sup>, since its formation. He has served as Head of the U.S. Delegation to the ISO TC 249 international meetings for three of the four years

<sup>1</sup> Information about this committee is available at this link:

[http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards\\_development/list\\_of\\_iso\\_technical\\_committees/iso\\_technical\\_committee.htm?commid=598435](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards_development/list_of_iso_technical_committees/iso_technical_committee.htm?commid=598435)

the Technical Committee has met. As Chair, he interfaces with the delegations of other participating countries on proposals of mutual interest. AHPA encourages the participation of AHPA members and other U.S. experts in the U.S. TAG where the ISO process may provide opportunities to develop industry-driven standards, especially for herbs for which some toxicity is acknowledged.

#### *International Alliance of Dietary/Food Supplement Associations (IADSA)*

AHPA is an active member of IADSA, including direct involvement in IADSA's governance processes through membership on the Executive Council. AHPA is also a member of the IADSA Technical Working Group and participates in the development of documents under the auspices of this committee. AHPA and IADSA coordinate regular bilateral exchanges of information on emerging regulatory topics.

#### *CITES Plants Committee*

Mr. McGuffin works closely with staff of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on issues related to the work of the Plants Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The CITES Plants Committee monitors the international trade of endangered plant species and recommends the inclusion and removal of species for listing in Appendix I and II of the CITES Convention. He attends the international meetings of the Plants Committee as a U.S. observer and occasionally meetings of the full Convention.

AHPA's work in this area includes evaluation of the need for and impact of the addition of new species to the CITES Appendices and advocating for reasonable CITES regulations, most specifically in the area of exemptions for finished products that contain CITES-listed species. AHPA has providing guidance to the U.S. industry on the import and export rules that apply to trade in CITES-listed species. This effort consists primarily of publication in 2013 of a Primer that provides this guidance.

#### *Other International Activities:*

In April 2013, the AHPA President was an invited speaker at the International Congress on Green Extraction of Natural Products on the topic of "Regulating Herbal Products as Food: The US Experience".

In August 2013, the AHPA President participated in a "Workshop of Healthfood Regulation and Supervision" sponsored by the China Food and Drug Administration<sup>2</sup>.

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

AHPA seeks to contribute to the technical work of the Food Standards Programme by sharing knowledge and experience gained through its long history of representation of the herbal products industry. AHPA members have taken an interest in several past projects of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, such as the Codex "Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Food Supplements" and the "Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims," as well as the Codex regional standard for ginseng. New work of interest to the AHPA membership includes the recent formation of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH).

Using the CCSCH as an example of its ability to contribute to the work of Codex, AHPA's broad industry representation includes companies that deal in the commodity market for spices and culinary herbs, as well as companies that further process these commodities into finished food and dietary/food supplement products. While the scope of the CCSCH project is limited to the dried commodity, downstream users of these commodities may also be interested in this work and the availability of Codex standards for these commodities. AHPA's participation can provide a conduit to the perspectives of a range of stakeholders interested in the work of the CCSCH.

AHPA also brings an understanding of the international regulatory schemes for food and dietary/food supplement products, especially as they relate to the end products that are manufactured from herbs and botanicals in the form of food products, dietary/food supplements, etc.

#### **(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)**

AHPA has participated since 2011 in submitting comments to the U.S. delegation to the Codex Committee on Food Additives in matters of levels of certain food additives in food supplements.

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<sup>2</sup> See more information about this meeting at

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:C63l0otuqSYJ:www.ahpa.org/Default.aspx%3Ftabid%3D69%26ald%3D945+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us&client=firefox-a>

AHPA was engaged from 2002 through 2007, through its membership in IADSA, in the development of the Codex regional standard for ginseng products (CODEX STAN 295R-2009).

Numerous AHPA members market not only herbal products but also fish oil products. Several of these members have been involved in the ongoing development of the Codex proposed draft standard for fish oils under the auspices of the Codex Committee for Fats and Oils.

**(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.**

AHPA is requesting NGO Observer status to the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

**(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.**

AHPA has not previously applied for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

**(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the international non-governmental organization:**

AHPA requests receipt of documentation in English.

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



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Attachments:

AHPA By-Laws  
AHPA Articles of Incorporation  
Proceedings of the November 13, 2013 AHPA Board of Trustees meeting

## ANNEX 2: CIDCE

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

International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law; Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE)

**(b) Country of the official Seat of the Organization. Kind of Statutes (send copy) - Law governing them.**

CIDCE has its seat in Limoges, France.

CIDCE is an international scientific NGO, established under the French law of 1 July 1901 on associations, and gazetted in the French *Journal Officiel* on 4 August 1982.

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**(c) Scope of activity, aims and subject fields of the organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules, etc.) Specify activities interesting FAO.**

The Statutes of CIDCE, together with a brochure describing the Centre, are enclosed. The membership of CIDCE is made of environmental law experts from around the world, specializing in all areas of environmental law, at both national and international levels, including biodiversity, natural resources and climate change law. CIDCE also comprises environmental law associations.

Drawing on its network of individual and collective members, CIDCE focuses its activities on:

- (i) holding international scientific colloquia and seminars on keys topics of environmental law;
- (ii) arranging training sessions in environmental law for government officials, attorneys, judges, post-graduate students, NGO representatives, etc.; and (iii) supporting the development of environmental law through the participation in, and the provision of advise to, conferences and meetings of international IGOs and NGOs.

**Short history, including date of foundation.**

Taking over from the former Centre of Comparative Law Studies of Strasbourg (France), CIDCE was set up in 1982 by Michel PRIEUR (Professor of Law, France), Alexandre Charles KISS (Directeur de recherches, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France) and Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO (Professor of Law and Attorney, Brazil).

CIDCE is hosted by the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Environmental, Urban and Planning Law (CRIDEAU), on the premises of the University of Limoges.

**(d) Member organizations if any (name and address of each 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)**

In addition to individual members, CIDCE comprises several member organizations, including the following: (i) African Society of Environmental Law; (ii) Brazilian Society of Environmental Law; (ii) Czech Association of Environmental Law; (iii) European Association of Environmental Law; (iv) Israeli Association of Environmental Law; (v) Japanese Centre of Environmental Law; (vi) Moroccan Society of Environmental Law; (vii) Portuguese Society of Environmental Law; (viii) North-American Society of Environmental Law; (ix) Spanish Association of Environmental Law.

**(e) Permanent structure/Governing bodies (specify if structure is centralized or not; provide information on any establishment or representation of the organization outside the host country).**

The governing bodies of CIDCE are: (i) the *General Assembly* of the entire membership; (ii) the *Executive Board*, made of at least 8 members; and (iii) the *Scientific Steering Committee*, made of members representing the various regions of the world. For details, please see the CIDCE Statutes.

**Officers and representatives (Secretariat and governing bodies): names, nationalities, and title.**

The membership of CIDCE's *Executive Board* is as follows:

*Chairperson:* Michel PRIEUR, Professor Emeritus, University of Limoges; Scientific Director, CRIDEAU; Honorary Dean, Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Limoges; Director, *Revue juridique de l'environnement* (France)

*Vice-Chairpersons:*

- Soukaina BOURAOUI, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law of Tunis II (Tunisia)
- Ibrahim KABOGLU, Professor of Law, University of Marmara, Istanbul (Turkey)
- Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo; Honorary Chairperson of the Brazilian Society of Environmental Law (Brazil)
- Mohamed Ali MEKOUAR, Professor of Law, University of Casablanca (Morocco)
- Mary SANCY, Associate Professor of Law, University of Nantes (Belgium), *Treasurer*.
- Gérard MONÉDIAIRE, Professor of Law, University de Limoges; Director, CRIDEAU (France)

*Secretary-General:*

- Frédéric BOUIN, Professor of Law, University of Perpignan (France)

*Members*

- Stéphane DOUMBE-BILLE, Professor, University of Lyon III; Director, Centre of International Law (Cameroon)
- Takehisa AWAJI, Professor of Law, University of Rikkyo (Japan)
- Mircea DUTU, Professor of Law, University of Bucharest; President, Ecological University, Bucharest (Romania)
- Andrew WAITE, Lawyer; Honorary Chairperson of the European Association of Environmental Law (United Kingdom)
- Jaroslava ZASTEROVA, Chairperson, Czech Association of Environmental Law (Czech Republic)

*Chargée de Mission:*

- Stéphanie BARTKOWIAK, University of Limoges (France)

The membership of CIDCE's *Scientific Steering Committee* is as follows:

- Maryse GRANDBOIS, Honorary Professor, University of Quebec in Montreal (Canada)
- Kheng-Lian KOH, Professor, University of Singapore; Director, Asia-Pacific Centre of Environmental Law (Singapore)
- Ibrahima LY, Professor of Law, University of Dakar (Senegal)
- Mary SANCY, Associate Professor of Law, University of Nantes (Belgium)
- Rafael VALENZUELA FUENZALIDA, Professor of Law, University of Valparaiso (Chile)

**(f) Finances (indicate sources of revenue, and annual budget for present year and past 2-3 years)**

In addition to annual membership fees, the activities of CIDCE are mainly financed through: (i) subsidies and grants from public/academic institutions, including the Regional Council and the University of Limoges; (ii) funding from host countries/institutions for meetings held outside Limoges; (iii) proceeds of yearly publications and subscriptions to quarterly journal. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, CIDCE had an annual budget of € 95694, € 78020 and € 39099, respectively.

**(g) Meetings/Sessions of the governing bodies (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of last meeting, including any resolutions passed)**

The *General Assembly* meets at least once per biennium; the *Executive Board* meets at least once a year; the *Scientific Steering Committee* meets during sessions of the General Assembly.

Meetings may be held in person or virtually. For details, please see the CIDCE Statutes.

The last CIDCE report of activities (2011) is enclosed.

Conferences, symposia and others meetings organized by CIDCE over the years include the following:

- *World Meeting of Environmental Lawyers*, Rio+20 Side Event, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Seminar on Public Participation in Decision-Making on Environmental Regulation*, Limoges, 2011
- *Third Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2011
- *Seminar on Natural Disasters and Human Rights*, Limoges, 2011
- *French-Brazilian Symposium of Environmental Lawyers*, São Paulo, 2011
- *French-Brazilian Symposium of Environmental Lawyers*, Rio de Janeiro, 2011
- *Environmentally Displaced People*, Limoges, 2010
- *Integration of Customs in the Development of Environmental Norms*, Noumea, 2009
- *Natura Legal Networks and the EU Water Framework Directive*, Bucharest, 2009
- *Ecological Disasters and the Law*, Limoges, 2009
- *Ecological Refugees*, Limoges, 2005
- *Historical Monuments*, Limoges, 2003
- *Globalization and Environmental Law*, Rio de Janeiro, 2002
- *Second Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2001
- *Tourism, Ethics, the Environment and Sustainable Development*, Limoges, 2001
- *The European Landscape Convention*, Limoges, 2001
- *Implementation of the Barcelona Convention System, Before and After its Update*, Tunis, 2000
- *Agro-food Industries and the Environment*, Tunis, 1998
- *Contaminated Sites: Legal Aspects*, Limoges, 1994
- *Impact Assessments in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1993
- *Global Forum*, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
- *Global Environment - Coastal Zone Protection*, Tokyo, 1991
- *Global Meeting of Environmental Law Associations*, Limoges, 1990
- *Soil Protection in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1990
- *Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and the Environment*, São Paulo, 1989
- *Transboundary Pollutions in Comparative and International Law*, Montreal, 1988
- *Property Rights and the Environment*, Limoges, 1988
- *Sanctions for Pollution*, Athens, 1988
- *Europe of the Regions and the Environment*, Limoges, 1988
- *Pesticides in Comparative Law*, Porto Alegre, August 1986
- *Development and Prospects of Environment Law in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1986
- *Agriculture and the Environment*, Gainesville, 1984
- *Industrial Wastes and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1984



- *Forests and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1983.

Moreover, CIDCE arranged several training sessions on environmental law in a number of countries, including Belgium, Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, France, Italy, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, USA, and Venezuela.

### **Publications (indicate frequency and languages)**

#### **- Periodicals**

Besides the quarterly journal *Revue juridique de l'environnement* and the half-yearly journal *Revue Européenne de Droit de l'Environnement* (which was merged with the latter journal in 2010), CIDCE publications include the following:

- *Rio+20*, Limoges, 2012
- *World Meeting of Environmental Lawyers at Rio+20*, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Non-regression in Environment Law*, Brussels, 2012
- *Ecological Disasters and the Law*, Brussels, 2012
- *Legal Instruments for the Implementation of Sustainable Development*, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development*, Rio de Janeiro, 2011
- *Limoges Declaration III - Third Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2011
- *Environmentally Displaced People*, Limoges, 2010
- *Draft Convention on the International Status of Environmentally Displaced Persons*, Limoges, 2009
- *Limoges Declaration on Environmental and Sustainable Development Law and Policies*, Limoges, 2005
- *Limoges Call on Ecological Refugees*, Limoges, 2005
- *Towards a New Environmental Law?*, Limoges, 2003
- *Globalization and Environmental Law*, Limoges, 2003
- *Limoges Declaration II - Rio Charter+10*, Limoges, 2002
- *Protected Areas in Comparative Law*, Tunis, 2001
- *Agro-food Industries and the Environment*, Tunis, 2001
- *Conventions on Environmental Protection: Secretariats, Conferences of Parties, Expert Committees*, Limoges, 1999
- *20 Years of Nature Protection*, Limoges, 1998
- *Law, Forests and Sustainable Development*, Brussels, 1996
- *Organic Agriculture: A Sustainable Agriculture?*, Limoges, 1996
- *Environmental Law and Sustainable Development*, Limoges, 1994
- *Legal Protection of Soils in the Countries of the European Community*, Limoges, 1993
- *Limoges Declaration - Global Meeting of Environmental Law Associations*, Limoges, 1992
- *Europe of the Regions and the Environment*, Limoges, 1989
- *Transboundary Pollutions in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1989
- *Property Rights and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1988
- *Pesticides in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1987
- *Development and Prospects of Environment Law in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1986
- *Industrial Wastes and the Environment*, Limoges, 1985
- *Forests and the Environment*, Limoges, 1984.

**(h) Relations with other international organizations:****- United Nations and UN Specialized Agencies (indicate official status, if any)**

CIDCE has Observer Status with:

- the UNEP-serviced Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, since 2001
- the UNECE-serviced Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, since 2004
- the UNECE-serviced Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, since 2011.

CIDCE was accredited by the United Nations to attend the:

- UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
- World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002
- UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, 2012.
- CIDCE is part of the Major Groups currently involved in the Rio+20 follow-up UN-led activities.

**- Other international organizations**

- CIDCE has Consultative Status with the Council of Europe since 2001
- CIDCE is a member of IUCN since 2004
- CIDCE is since 2010 a member of CIVILSCAPE, an international network of NGOs supporting the European Landscape Convention.

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

To be completed.

**(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, FAO and its programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the FAO Regional Offices and/or the FAO Country Offices)**

- The Chairperson of CIDCE, Michel PRIEUR, authored FAO Legislative Study No. 53 (*Environment Impact Assessments for Sustainable Rural Development*) and served as FAO international legal consultant for the Protected Areas Protocol under the Barcelona Convention, and on mountain legislation
- Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO, Stéphane DOUMBE-BILLE and Andrew WAITE (members of CIDCE's Executive Board), as well as Maryse GRANDBOIS and Ibrahima LY (members of CIDCE's Scientific Steering Committee) authored legal papers and served as international legal consultants under various FAO projects
- Staff members of FAO, including Dominique ALHERITIRE, Mohamed Ali MEKOUAR and Patrice TALLA, made several contributions to the activities of CIDCE, mainly through meetings and publications.

**Comments and remarks (any additional information)**

Most areas of environmental and natural resources law covered by CIDCE, such as agrofood industries, coastal zone management, forestry, organic agriculture, pesticides, property rights, protected areas, soil conservation, sustainable development, etc. pertain to the mandate of FAO.

**(k) Areas in which the organization intends to cooperate with FAO in future, in support of FAO mandate.**

Attend relevant meetings of FAO and support efforts aimed at enhancing the legal frameworks for environmental and food security and for sustainable development.

**(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.**

To be completed.

**(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the international non-governmental organization:**

To be completed.

**(n) This questionnaire has been filled in by:**

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**ANNEX 3: OENOPPIA****(a) Official names of the organisation (with initials);**

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**(c) Aims and subject field (mandate) of the organization and methods of operation. Date of establishment.**

Established on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 under the French Law, Oenoppia is a non-profit association gathering the major players intervening in the oenology industry at an international scale. The 17 members are private firms which have an activity of designing, producing and distributing of oenological products. They represent approximately 80% of the offer supplied to the wine producers. Oenological products are defined as additives and aids used in wine production in accordance with regulations in force. These products can be derived from living organisms, plant, chemical or mineral origin.

The aims are described as follow:

- To convey the point of view of companies manufacturing oenological products in order to:
  - Establish mutual consultation relations with regulatory, scientific and technical institutions in the oenological sector on an international scale, aiming to ensure product industrial feasibility, correct application and to contribute towards the development of oenological practices.
  - Collaborate on scientifically themed work in order to contribute towards improving oenological knowledge.
- To provide information concerning oenological products and practices, derived from scientific knowledge of grapes and wine, and from practical experience in winemaking; constituting tools that respect the nature of the wine and the consumer's health within the framework of their anticipated admission in the International Code of Oenological Practices (OIV standards).
- Via the "Oenoppia" code of ethics, to promote respect for current regulations, for OIV recommendations, as well as reasoned usage of oenological products.
- To monitor the wine industry's fundamental issues, giving priority to food safety and to environmental aspects.

The rules of functioning are defined by the statutes and the juridical charter. The general principles of ethics are stated in the ethical charter. See the enclosed documents.

**(d) Members**

"Eligible as members of the association are only: companies specialising in oenological products which benefit from a recognised reputation either as a manufacturer or as a brand of oenological products with a significant market share on a local market and/or an international strategy. "

Extract of the statutes.

The companies (head offices and subsidiaries) as well as the member organisations are presented in the general document "Organisation and Members" .

**(e) Structure**

The general assembly, made up of all participating members, is the decision body. Resolutions are voted by simple majority. The board, made up of the President, the general Secretary, the treasurer and the Managing Director, is the executive body.

Follow-up of the dossiers is assumed by a permanent Managing director.

Participating members are companies involved in manufacturing, formulating and marketing oenological products.

Advisory members are professional organisations involved in food industries that affect wine, or national organisations specific to the wine industry. They do not have voting power, but participate in general meeting debates and are systematically consulted for any actions referring to their area of expertise.

Five technical working groups have currently been put together:

- Fermentation products (yeasts and derivatives, bacteria)
- Enzymes
- Tannins and wood derivatives
- Other oenological products

**(f) Source of funding**

Financing comes exclusively from membership fees.

**(g) Meetings**

Two general assemblies held per year and at least one physical meeting for each technical working group. The board ensures operational management by meeting every two months, and by maintaining continuous information flow to members. Technical working group may organize frequent call conferences if needed.

**(h) Relations with other international organisations (indicate consultative status or other relations, where relevant)**

Oenoppia is an observer member of the OIV (International organization of Wine and Vine)

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

We would like to participate to the works of the GSFA in order to provide information and expertise relating to the category 14.2.3 (Grape Wine) and its subcategories.

**(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)**

To be completed.

**(k) Areas in which the organization intends to cooperate with FAO in future, in support of FAO mandate.**

To be completed.

**(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.**

To be completed.

**(m) Languages in which documentation shall be sent**

English and French

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

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**(o) Date and signature**

Date, 30 January 2014

Marco Manfredini, President of Oenoppia

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

GO3ETA, Inc.

Also referred to as The Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s, or GOED.

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

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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.**

GOED was formed July 19, 2007 as a non-profit corporation. Our mission is to work with government, healthcare, and industry groups to educate consumers about the benefits of EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acids, as well as to establish ethical, quality and safety standards that ensure consumers have access to food products they can trust containing these important fatty acids.

**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).**

As of June 1, 2013, our organization has 162 members from around the world. North American companies account for 42% of our membership, European companies for 25%, Asia Pacific companies for 19%, South and Central American companies for 9% and the remainder from the Middle East and Africa. A list of our members and their addresses is attached. None of our members enjoys observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Our board of directors is comprised of the following individuals with their company affiliations, nationality and position:

- Leslie van der Meulen, Chairman (Aurora Algae, United States)
- Gertjan de Koning, Vice-Chairman (DSM Nutritional Products, The Netherlands)
- Gerard Bannenber, Secretary & Treasurer (Solutex, Spain)
- Albert Strube, Director (BASF, Germany)
- Aryan van den Blink, Director (Smit & Zoon, The Netherlands)
- Atle Jacobsen, Director (GC Rieber Oils, Norway)
- Baldur Hjaltason, Director (Epax AS, Norway)
- Carol Locke, Director (Omega Natural Science, United States)
- Graeme Kenny, Director (Croda Healthcare, United Kingdom)
- Gunnar Berge, Director (Pronova Biopharma, Norway)
- Hans de Wit, Director (Marvesa, Peru)
- Jorge Brahm, Director (Golden Omega, Chile)
- Matt Phillips, Director (Omega Protein, United States)
- Olav Sandnes, Director (Marine Ingredients, United States)
- Patrick Veau, Director (DuPont Danisco, France)
- Shaher Khan, Director (Axellus, Norway)
- Todd Norton, Director (Aker Biomarine, Norway)

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

We are governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from the companies at our highest level of membership. They annually elect a subset of directors as corporate officers and delegate work to one of four sub-committees focused on Regulatory, Scientific, Technical and Communications issues. GOED's secretariat is comprised of six people, based in the United States that are employed by our board of directors, but none are represented on the board, including myself. We are opening a national office in China this year that will employ an additional two employees, but this office is not yet open. I have attached copies of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for your review.

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

We are funded nearly entirely by membership dues, but also generate approximately \$200,000 in revenues from a sesquiennial conference. I have attached our last financial filing for your review.

**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.**

Our board of directors meets six times per year and has recently discussed the Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils. I have attached a copy of recent meeting minutes where this topic was covered.

**h) Relations with other international organizations:**

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

While GOED does not have a formal established relationship with the FAO, we have recently been asked by the United Nations General Assembly and Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea to participate in the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction (<http://goo.gl/Z7IDV>). In addition, we are also informally working with the FAO to determine the capacity of EPA and DHA that can be supplied by the ocean's fisheries.

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

In addition to the international work we have listed above, we believe we can provide valuable contributions to the Codex process and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme by providing expertise on marine-derived fats and their land-based equivalents. We feel our expertise is especially important because these two sources of fats and oils have traditionally been separate and distinct markets, but they are converging due to microbiological and agricultural innovations and are creating fats and oils that are not currently covered by Codex standards. In addition, the markets for marine-based fats have primarily been driven by aquaculture and animal feed demand, but direct human consumption continues to take a significant share of these oils. We are specifically hoping to contribute to the work of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) and the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), where we anticipate issues (i.e. antioxidant use) related to these fats being debated.

**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).**

GOED has also participated in the February CCFO meeting in Malaysia as part of the delegation from the International Alliance for Dietary Supplement Associations (IADSA). GOED is one of the many members of IADSA, but our focus extends to other areas of human nutrition beyond dietary supplements, including fortified foods and infant formulas. In addition, we work on supply issues that go much further back in the value chain and outside the scope of IADSA. This makes it difficult to raise issues associated with crude fish oil standards related to human consumption and the needs of the food and infant formula markets in a CCFO session. We believe this is valuable input that CCFO and CCFA need in order to develop food standards.

As it relates to Codex, we have also chaired an Informal Industry Working Group designed to provide input to the Swiss government that has drafted the Proposed Draft Fish Oil Standard and is currently chairing the electronic Working Group established to revise the proposed draft standard, including the gathering of data on fatty acid profiles of various fish oils and their corresponding trade volumes.

**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.**

We wish to participate in the CCFO as it relates to setting standards for oils containing EPA and DHA, which in the near future will primarily focus on fish and other marine oils. However, in the future standards will also need to be set for land-based crop sources of these nutrients.

In addition, we wish to participate in CCFA meetings where the critical addition of antioxidants and other food additives to stabilized EPA and DHA omega-3 oils will be debated as it relates to inclusion in the oils.

**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.**

We have not previously applied for Observer Status and look forward to contributing towards the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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

While we are an international organization, please send us any documentation related to this matter in English.

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

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**o) Signature and date.**



June 26, 2013



## ANNEX 5: NSF

**a) Official name of the organization:**

The official name of the applicant is NSF International. NSF International was originally founded in 1944 at the University of Michigan, School Public Health as the National Sanitation Foundation. The name of the non-profit organization was changed in 1990 to NSF International. See Restated Articles of Incorporation. See Attachment 3.

**b) Full postal information, telephone, facsimile and e-mail as well as telex and website addresses as appropriate:**

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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.**

NSF International was founded in 1944 at the University of Michigan School of Public Health as the National (Food) Sanitation Foundation. NSF was incorporated in 1952 and reincorporated in 1990 when it obtained its current name. The purposes of NSF International include:

1. To conduct educational, scientific, and charitable efforts that promote public health and safety, the environment, sanitation, and public health;
2. To conduct activities to further scientific research in public safety, public health, the environment and sanitation, and to engage in environmental and sanitation testing, demonstrations, and studies as well as education and training programs. The purposes of NSF International also include practical application demonstrations, publication of information, maintaining, equipping, and providing facilities and courses of study, and otherwise aiding and/or assisting colleges, universities, high schools, institutions and agencies for such purposes;
3. To establish and conduct in the public interest, scientific research and scientific testing for public safety, including environmental, sanitation and public health; to measure and determine the sanitary effectiveness and efficiency of equipment, products in the public interest, and;
4. In conformity with previously determined standards established by the organization, to issue marks for public protection and benefit. See Attachment 3, *supra*.

**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).**World-wide affiliations:

NSF International headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, has subsidiary offices around the world. NSF International provides standardization and conformity assessment services for the food, dietary supplement, water, and consumer products industries throughout the U.S. and around the world. NSF International also provides food safety and dietary supplement facility GMP auditing, HACCP training and education and consulting services.

With a regional office in Brussels, Belgium, and a testing laboratory in the United Kingdom, NSF International provides product certification and testing services for foodservice equipment, drinking water and plumbing systems and components, residential drinking water treatment units, bottled water and dietary supplements. NSF International also provides certification, testing, auditing and training in food safety including the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), fresh produce, and produce pack house certification.

NSF International's regional office in San Jose, Costa Rica and testing laboratories in Lima, Peru and Sao Paulo, Brazil certify the safety of food, bottled water, commercial food equipment, and dietary supplements throughout Latin America.

NSF International's Middle East affiliate, based in Abu Dhabi, provides certification, auditing, consulting and training services in the Middle East and North Africa, including food safety audits for fresh produce and other food products, certifications under standards accepted by GFSI, testing and certification for municipal water treatment distribution components, chemicals and plastic piping.

NSF International offers food safety audit services throughout Africa. NSF International certifies fresh produce to GLOBAL G.A.P. and Tesco NURTURE standards and certifies produce pack-houses to GFSI standards such as BRC and IFS Food, ISO 22000, and FSSC 22000.

NSF's affiliate office in Bangkok, Thailand, and test labs in Shanghai, China, offer services throughout Asia, including food safety testing, certification and auditing (including seafood), as well as certification of food service equipment, dietary supplements and drinking water treatment.

NSF International also maintains worldwide management systems registration services against international standards ISO 9000, 14000, and many others.

The majority of NSF International programs are accredited under ISO Guide 65 (17065), 17021, 17024 for personnel and 17025 for laboratories.

#### Names of Principal Officers:

- Kevan P. Lawlor, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Lori L. Bestervelt, PhD, Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer
- Thomas Chestnut, Vice President, Global Food Safety & Quality
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**e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on specific topics, if any; etc.)**

NSF International is an independent, not-for-profit organization with a mission to protect environmental and public health. NSF International writes standards, and tests and certifies products for the food industry (and other consumer and commercial end-users). NSF International advocates for consensus-based standards for food safety that protect the public health. NSF International is committed to open communication and cooperation between all stakeholders (government regulators, industry, and academia) to create optimal consensus standards with maximum acceptance.

NSF International has hundreds of stakeholders who participate in the organization's standards development committees. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), NSF International has developed over 80 voluntary American National Standards under the scope of public health, safety, environment and sustainability assessment. NSF/ANSI standards are developed through a public process that ensures balanced input from industry representatives, public health/regulatory officials, and users/consumer representatives. The following is a current list of NSF consensus public health standards.

**NSF International Standards**

The following standards established, developed and adopted by NSF as minimum voluntary consensus standards are used internationally. Food related standards are highlighted in bold.

- 2 **Food equipment (Commercial Food Service)**
- 3 **Commercial warewashing equipment**
- 4 **Commercial cooking, rethermalization, powered hot food holding & transport equipment**
- 5 **Water heaters, hot water supply boilers, and heat recovery equipment**
- 6 **Dispensing freezers**
- 7 **Commercial refrigerators and freezers**
- 8 **Commercial powered food preparation equipment**
- 12 **Automatic ice making equipment**

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13	Refuse processors and processing systems
14	Plastics piping system components and related materials
<b>18</b>	<b>Manual food and beverage dispensing equipment</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Commercial bulk milk dispensing equipment</b>
21	Thermoplastic refuse containers
24	Plumbing system components for recreational vehicles
<b>25</b>	<b>Vending machines for food and beverages</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Detergent and chemical feeders for commercial spray-type dishwashing machines</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>High pressure decorative laminates (HPDL) for surfacing food service equipment</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Dinnerware</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Air curtains for entranceways in food and food service establishments</b>
40	Residential wastewater treatment systems
41	Non-liquid saturated treatment systems
42	Drinking water treatment units – Aesthetic effects
44	Residential cation exchange water softeners
46	Evaluation of components and devices used in wastewater treatment systems
49	Biosafety cabinetry: Design, construction, performance, and field certification
50	Equipment for swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, and other recreational water facilities
<b>51</b>	<b>Food equipment materials</b>
52	Supplemental flooring
<b>53</b>	<b>Drinking water treatment units – Health effects</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>Ultraviolet microbiological water treatment systems</b>
58	Reverse osmosis drinking water treatment systems
<b>59</b>	<b>Mobile food carts</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>Drinking water treatment chemicals – Health effects</b>
61	Drinking water system components – Health effects
62	Drinking water distillation systems
140	Sustainable carpet assessment
<b>169</b>	<b>Special purpose food equipment and devices</b>
<b>170</b>	<b>Glossary of food equipment terminology</b>
<b>173</b>	<b>Dietary supplements</b>
177	Shower filtration systems – Aesthetic effects
184	Residential dishwashers
222	Ozone generators
223	Conformity assessment requirements for certification bodies that certify products pursuant to ANSI/NSF Standard 60 – Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals
240	Drainfield trench product sizing for gravity dispersal onsite wastewater treatment
245	Wastewater treatment systems - nitrogen reduction
<b>305</b>	<b>Personal care products containing organic ingredients</b>
330	Glossary of drinking water treatment unit terminology
332	Sustainability assessment for resilient floor coverings
336	Sustainability assessment for commercial furnishings fabric
341	Health/fitness facilities sanitation
342	Sustainability assessment for wallcovering products

- 347 Sustainability assessment for single ply roofing membranes
- 350 Onsite residential and commercial water reuse treatment systems
- 350-1 Onsite residential and commercial graywater treatment systems for subsurface discharge
- 355 Greener chemicals and processes information**
- 359 Valves for crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) water distribution tubing systems
- 360 Wastewater treatment systems – Field performance verification
- 372 Drinking water treatment system components – Lead content

**14159-1 Hygiene requirements for the design of meat and poultry processing equipment**

**14159-2 Hygiene requirements for the design of hand held tools used in meat and poultry processing equipment**

**14159-3 Hygiene requirements for the design of mechanical belt conveyors used in meat and poultry processing equipment**

The NSF Council of Public Health Consultants (CPHC) serves as the independent, public health ratification step at the end of the process and provides final review and acceptance. CPHC membership includes only representatives from government/regulatory, academia, public health and public service; there is no industry representation. All NSF International standards must be approved by CPHC before they are published. The CPHC contains members from the United States, Canada, China, and the United Kingdom.

NSF International standards cover construction, sanitation, health effects, and performance of commercial food service equipment, water treatment and water contact products, and other types of products normally regulated and approved by local health departments.

NSF International also inspects tests and certifies bottled water, packaged ice and dietary supplements for GMP compliance with U.S. FDA rules and various other national regulations. Further, NSF International certifies “Organic” and “Gluten-Free” foods, along with registration of “Nonfood Compounds” used in food processing for compliance with U.S. FDA regulations.

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

NSF International earns its revenues through the provision of independent, professional, scientific services under a contract that specifies policies which govern the responsibilities of each party. The large number of product categories and thousands of individual companies served in this capacity prevents the influence of any single industry or company on NSF International policies and programs. NSF International is a non-profit organization governed by an independent Board of Directors.

NSF International maintains a conflict of interest (COI) policy that prevents staff from taking a financial interest in any company or organization for which NSF International provides services. Employees are required annually, as a condition of employment, to agree to not engage in any COI activities. In accordance with NSF International’s accreditation under ISO Guide 65 (ISO 17025), it is required that NSF International maintain strong COI policies, and verify them annually.

**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 Council of Public Health Consultants, the body that must approve and ratify all food safety standards developed by NSF International, meets annually. The 68<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of CPHC was on October 9, 2013 in Ann Arbor Michigan. Forty-six members from five countries attended the two day meeting. See Attachment 5. The agenda for the last meeting and the CPHC membership roster are provided. See Attachment 6.

Additionally, NSF International regularly sponsors food safety conferences, seminars, webinars, and educational programs. See Attachment 7.

**h) Relations with other international organizations:**

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

NSF International serves as a WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on food safety, water quality, and indoor air quality. See Attachment 8.

NSF International is also an official member of the WHO Chemical Risk Assessment Network. See Attachment 9 for Terms of Reference.

Stan Hazan of NSF International is a member of ANSI's International Conformity Assessment Committee (ICAC) that provides input into the ISO Standards on certification, registration and accreditation.

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

NSF International has a professional staff of microbiologists, toxicologists, chemists, public health experts and certification specialists in locations worldwide. [NSF International laboratories](#) provide a wide range of testing, certification and technical services, as well as human health risk assessments across all segments of the food industry. NSF International operates more than 211,000 square feet of ISO 17025-certified, state-of-the-art labs, including extensive instrumentation and technologies, in North and South America, Europe and Asia. NSF International is accredited by the [U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#), the [Standards Council of Canada](#) (SCC), the [American National Standards Institute](#) (ANSI) and the [International Accreditation Service](#). NSF International laboratories are ISO/IEC 17025 accredited for testing and calibration.

NSF International's expertise includes the provision of extensive food safety and quality services spanning every link from farm to fork. Due to complex challenges in today's food supply chain, many of the world's largest food retailers are mandating supplier certification to GFSI schemes. These global standards address food, packaging, packaging materials, storage and distribution for primary producers, manufacturers and distributors. NSF International is a leading global certifier to GFSI benchmarked standards such as BRC and SQF. Additionally, NSF International staff serves on GFSI committees, including Regulatory Affairs and Auditor Competency.

**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)**

Mr. Stan Hazan, Senior Director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs for NSF International has previously attended the 2012 meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Maastricht, Netherlands as part of the U.S. government delegation. NSF International has served as an official WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on food safety, water quality, and indoor environments since 1997. See Attachment 10. NSF International is also an official member of the WHO Chemical Risk Assessment Network. See Attachment 11.

**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.**

NSF International requests observer status to participate both in meetings of the Commission, and various Codex committees. NSF International is specifically interested in participating in the work of the:

- [Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems](#), (meeting in Australia on October 13, 2014);
- [Codex Committee on Food Hygiene](#), (meeting in the U.S. on November 17, 2014);
- [Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food](#), (meeting in the Netherlands on March 31, 2014, and then again on March 16, 2015); and,
- [Codex Committee on Food Additives](#), (meeting in Hong Kong, March 17, 2014 and then again in China on March 23, 2015).

NSF International also has interests in the work of several Codex regional committees representing:

- [Latin America](#);
- [The Near East](#); and
- [Asia](#).

**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.**

NSF International has not previously applied for observer status to Codex.

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

NSF International respectfully requests that documentation be sent in English.

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

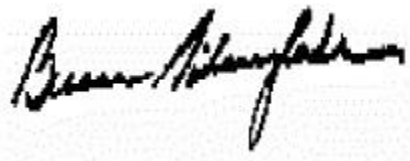
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**o) Signature and date**



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Bruce Silverglade, Esq.

Dated: April 1, 2014

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

The name of the association is "International Stevia Council".

The acronym is ISC. The association's name is not translated in other languages.

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

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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:**

The International Stevia Council's Bylaws (Article 1) state the vision and mission of the association as follows:

Vision Statement:

To be the authoritative voice for the stevia industry in promoting the use of naturally-sourced stevia sweetener products that can improve the diets and health of people globally by addressing sugars and calories in food.

Mission Statement:

## Safety:

- Support stevia as a safe and trusted sweetener
- Be a trusted knowledge partner for regulatory bodies on the science behind the safety of stevia

## Quality:

- Establish and ensure accurate analytical methods for measuring the purity of stevia extracts
- Ensure industry wide access to accurate analytical methods and standards for measuring Steviol Glycosides` content.
- Support sustainable stevia production through responsible cultivation

## Recognition:

- Promote the wide variety of uses for stevia as a sweetener
- Stakeholder education including consumer education on the benefits of stevia.

The Bylaws of the association can be found in Annex 1) of this document.

The association was incorporated on 12 July 2010.

**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 Stevia Council is comprised of 8 member companies who are either refiners of stevia extracts, users of stevia extracts or growers, producers or suppliers of stevia leaves, as described in Art 3 of the Bylaws.



Current members of the International Stevia Council are (in alphabetical order):

**Cargill, Incorporated**

PO Box 9300  
Minneapolis, MN  
55440-9300  
United States of America

Principal Officer: Mr Scott Fabro

**Ingredion, Incorporated**

5 Westbrook Corporate Center  
Westchester, IL 60154  
708.551.2600  
United States of America

Principal Officer: Mr Larry Fernandes

**Morita Kagaku Kogyo Co., LTD**

2-24, 1-chome,  
Imafukuminami,  
Jyoto-ku, Osaka 536-0003,  
Japan

Principal Officer: Mr Koji Morita

**Nordzucker AG**

Küchenstraße 9  
38100 Braunschweig  
Germany

Principal Officer: Mr Mats Liljestam

**PureCircle Limited**

PT 23419, Lengkok Teknologi, Techpark @ ENSTEK,  
71760 Bandar ENSTEK,  
Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Principal Officer: Mr William Mitchell

**The Real Stevia Company - Granular AB (publ)**

Drottninggatan 68  
111 21 Stockholm  
Sweden

Principal Officer: Mr Carl Horn

**Sweet Green Fields LLC**

11 Bellwether Way  
Unit 305  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
United States of America

Principal Officer: Mr Michael Quinn

**Verdure Science Europe GmbH**

Herbststr. 8  
D-74072 Heilbronn  
Germany

Principal Officer: Mr Thomas Ellerichmann

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

The International Stevia Council consists of a General Assembly, a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee. The Council has several Working Groups which are established on the basis of the activities and the projects that the Council wishes to carry out.

- The General Assembly consists of all International Stevia Council members and meets at least once per year. Each member is entitled to vote at the General Assembly.
- The Council is managed by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the General Assembly for a two-year period. The Board of Directors has full management and administration powers except for those powers reserved to the General Assembly.
- The Executive Committee executes those powers conferred upon it by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Council and of the Executive Director of the association in a consultative capacity.
- The International Stevia Council is managed by permanent staff based in Brussels, Belgium, which is led by an Executive Director.

The International Stevia Council maintains the following Working Committees:

- A Committee on Technical Issues: dealing with regulatory initiatives at Codex level as well as in individual countries such as in the US, the European Union, Canada, New Zealand, India, Thailand, etc as well as issues relating to quality, safety and standardisation of the analytical methods of stevia.
- A Committee on External Affairs: dealing with external communication, membership outreach, internal communication, stakeholders relationship, media relationship, education, etc.
- A Committee for Ingredient Users and one Committee for Leaves Suppliers are in the course of being established to address issues of interest respectively to the users of stevia extracts and to the growers and producers of stevia leaves.

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

The International Stevia Council is funded directly by contributions from the members as provided for in the Bylaws (Article 4).

**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 Committee on Technical Issues meets via conference call at least on a monthly basis and has face to face meetings twice per year, at least. Average attendance to these calls is about 5-6 member representatives.

**h) Relations with other international organizations:**

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

The International Stevia Council has no status with other international organisations. It cooperates at different levels and on different issues with several trade associations and governmental agencies in the food, drink and sweeteners sectors.

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

The International Stevia Council can contribute to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme as the authoritative voice of the global stevia industry with members either based, having production sites in, or forming joint cooperations in many different countries such as from Germany, Sweden, UK, China, Canada, the United States of America and Japan. Given the past role of many ISC members in generating supporting safety data for the safe human consumption of stevia leaf extracts, and the Council's on-going work in establishing a common set of terms and analytical standards for use by the industry, the International Stevia

Council is well placed to help inform the Commission in the areas of standard setting and the development of guidelines on the use and quality of stevia leaf extract products.

Furthermore, with the key scientific and analytical expertise of its members at its disposal and the independently managed Stevia Proficiency Testing Program, established by the International Stevia Council, the ISC can act as a key information provider to the work of JECFA on ensuring among other things, the accurate measurement of steviol glycoside quantities and purity levels.

**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)**

Dr. Sidd Purkayastha and Dr. Amy Boileau have attended past Codex meetings and participated in steviol glycoside related regulation reviews during the CCFA meeting in 2011, and Dr. Purkayastha again in 2014.

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The International Stevia Council would like to participate in the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), for the preparation of standards, guidelines and codes of practice for stevia and steviol glycosides for human consumption.

Furthermore, with the key focus of establishing a Proficiency Testing Program the International Stevia Council can make key contributions to the Joint WHO/FAO Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).

ISC is the only international organization uniquely, representing the interest of steviol glycosides / stevia leaf extract producers and users.

**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.**

Neither the International Stevia Council nor its members have made any previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

**m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the international non-governmental organization**

The official language of the association is English.

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

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**o) Signature and date**

Done in Brussels, Belgium on 31 May 2014

Signed by:



Maria Teresa Scardigli, Executive Director