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**Agenda Item 10**

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

**Seventy-seventh Session**

**WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 1 - 5 July 2019**

**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 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 Counsel of 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 for the applications will be made available in CRDs at the session):

<b>Annex</b>	<b>Name</b>
Annex 1	European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA)
Annex 2	European Alcohol Policy Alliance (EUROCARE)
Annex 3	Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)
Annex 4	Food Safety Consortium
Annex 5	European Margarine Association (IMACE)
Annex 6	MoniQA Association
Annex 7	Natural Products Association (NPA)

**ANNEX 1: EFA**  
**Original language only****(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA)

**(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**

EFA is a European umbrella organisation representing patients with allergy, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at the EU level.

EFA's mandate is to:

- To represent national organisations of patients with allergies, asthma and COPD vis-à-vis the European institutions and policymaking;
- To build bridges and facilitate a continuous dialogue between national-level patients' organisations and the EU level;
- To support the creation of a European network of strong and professional national organisations of patients within the above-mentioned disease areas;
- To empower member organisations to attain a comparable level in serving the interest of patients by sharing experiences, knowledge and best practices;
- To enable and develop patients-driven projects at the EU level

EFA was founded in Stockholm, Sweden in November 1991.

Since 2005 the EFA office is situated in Brussels, and EFA is registered in the EU Transparency Register (Identification Number: 28473847513-94). Please see also Code of Ethics and Conduct attached.

**(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).**

Available at <http://www.efanet.org/>

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

The EFA Board comprises of five elected members, all coming from different countries: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and one Member-at-Large. The President and Vice-President are elected in direct elections. The Board elects among themselves the Treasurer and Secretary. Board members can serve a maximum of three two-year terms.

As it currently stands, the members of the Board are the following:

President: Mrs Mikaela Odemyr  
Vice-President: Mrs Erna Botjes  
Secretary: Mrs Carla Jones  
Treasurer: Mr Hubert Nettel

Member-at-Large: Ilkka Repo

Moreover, EFA works internally through 6 thematic structural entities (Members' Working Groups):

Working Group on Asthma and Allergy

Working Group on Atopic Eczema

Working Group on COPD

Working Group on Food Allergy

Working Group on Patient Education

Working Group on Prevention

Some of the Working Groups are chaired by representatives from EFA national members.

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

EFA operates with funding from membership fees, public EU funding, private unrestricted core-funding and project funding from corporate sources and donations that are disclosed every year. EFA ensures that all forms of funding are open and transparent, ensuring accountability to its sponsors and partners. EFA has a Code of Ethics and Conduct and retains a [sustainable partnership](#) with industry to ensure its integrity when receiving funding from corporate sources.

**(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.**

All EFA member organisations or coalitions meet once a year in the EFA Annual General Meeting. The AGM approves the strategy, work plan, annual accounts and budget, prepared by the Board and accepts new members. This meeting comprises of one voting delegate from each member organisation or coalition, represented by an individual. The AGM functions and powers include:

- Approving and supervising EFA's strategy;
- Setting conditions for membership and the right to approve and rescind membership;
- Approving the annual accounts and approving and supervising the budget forecast;
- Setting annual membership subscriptions
- Appointing, discharging and dismissing members of the Board

Moreover, Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis. The Board directs EFA work as determined by the Annual General Meeting. We hereby enclose the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, which took place in April 2018 in Portugal. The most active Working Groups, e.g. the one on food allergy, hold virtual meetings every two months and physical meetings every 6 months (see also minutes from the December 2018 Food Allergy Working Group meeting attached).

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

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

EFA has been selected by the World Health Organisation Regional Committee for Europe as Accredited Non-State Actor (please see acceptance letter attached).

Moreover, EFA is an Accredited Stakeholder of the European Chemicals Agency, a member of the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party of the European Medicines Agency, and an Official Stakeholder of the European Food Safety Agency.

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

As the voice of food allergy patients in the European Union, EFA aims to contribute to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme by providing input on issues discussed in the context of the Codex Committees on Food Hygiene (CCFH) and Food Labelling (CCFL) with the food allergy patients' perspective.

- (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).**

Representatives of EFA members from Italy and Germany have been invited to the next Codex Alimentarius Commission meetings as observers as part of their national delegations.

- (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.**

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)  
Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

- (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.**

None

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

All communications and documentation can be sent in English, but we would also appreciate receiving also the French and Spanish versions of documents.

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

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- (o) **Signature and date.**

28/3/2019



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**ANNEX 2: EUROCARE**  
**Original language only****(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare)

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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 European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare) is an alliance of non-governmental and public health organizations with 55-member organizations across 23 European countries advocating for prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm. Member organizations are involved in advocacy and research, as well as in the provision of information and training on alcohol issues and service for people whose lives are affected by alcohol problems.

Eurocare was established in 1990. The organization has been registered in Belgium since 1996 as an AISBL.

The purpose of the Association is to:

- organise a European platform for non-governmental organisations and other relevant organisations/institutions, which through their work or aspects of their work take responsibility for preventing and reducing alcohol related harm;
- advocate the introduction and implementation of policies to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harm in all EU policy areas in order to protect and improve the health of all people living in Europe.
- regularly obtain information and updates from its members about alcohol policy developments in the respective countries as well as the state of play inside the respective member organizations;
- support the development of social, cultural, economic and political answers to the problem of alcohol-related harm in Europe;
- facilitate in the European countries the collection, analysis, dissemination and the use of data relating to alcohol consumption and the resulting damages;
- develop strategies for the prevention of alcohol-related harm, adapted to the needs of individuals, families, communities and the society at large;
- stimulate the development of effective education programs and training courses on alcohol for the general public and for professionals;
- represent the point of view of the Association's Members to the European Institutions and other relevant Institutions and Organisations;
- represent European NGOs in the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance.
- The Association will pursue its purposes by conducting, amongst others, but not exclusively, the following activities:
- regularly provide information to its Members through the organisation of meetings and events media outreach and publications;
- monitor EU policy developments that have an impact on national alcohol policies;
- promote the development and implementation of policies that are effective and evidence-based;
- influence and cooperate with the European Institutions and other relevant bodies in Europe, like the World Health Organization, in order to monitor and evaluate all policies for their impact on alcohol-related harm;

- engage in dialogue with decision makers to ensure that the harms caused by alcohol (social, health and economic burden) are taken into consideration in all relevant policy discussions;
- preparing common project proposals;
- provide resources to support the work of the Members of the Association.

**(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).**

All information is available <https://www.eurocare.org/>

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

Eurocare is democratically structured to involve member organisations in as many aspects of our work as possible. It is governed by a General Assembly, which is composed of representatives from its membership and meets once a year, normally in June.

The General Assembly furthers communication and co-operation among the members by bringing them together to discuss issues of common concern. It appoints the Board in order to make decisions regarding the orientations, aims and strategies of Eurocare.

Eurocare Board comprises of 10 members. The last full Board elections took place in 2017, see here for list over its Board members and Annual Reports - <http://www.eurocare.org/about us/governance>

Eurocare Secretariat consists of Secretary General, Head of Policy, Researcher in 40% position, Financial Manager 1 day per month.

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

Eurocare is funded through members' contributions, both in membership fees and staff time. Eurocare has a limited budget with only 2 full time employees and one researcher 40% position.

Eurocare has received funding from the European Commission (Operating grant in the period 2010 - 2014, support for European Conference in 2010 and 2014 and as a partner in a number of EU funded projects (2017 -2019

Eurocare is the lead of "Focus on Youth, alcohol and football"

In 2017 Eurocare received funding from WHO for writing a publication the WHO discussion paper on alcohol labelling.

Eurocare does not accept any funding from the alcohol industry or any of its social aspects organisations. Eurocare is not affiliated to the alcohol beverage industry or its social aspects organisations through any other membership or network.

Eurocare is registered in the European Transparency Register under number: 01546986656-22

**(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.**

Eurocare generates, disseminates and facilitates exchange of knowledge and good practices in alcohol policy through its membership, newsletters, website, events and cycle of policy debates. Eurocare is the organizer and host of bi-annual European Alcohol Policy Conferences series with attendance of around 300 across Europe. These have been organized every second year since 2004 and the 8th EAPC took place in Edinburgh, Scotland on the 21-22 November 2018.

All information is available <https://www.eurocare.org/>

Eurocare has a long-standing experience in organizing policy focused events, meetings and conferences (on average two events a year with around 100 participants).

In parallel Eurocare is the coordinator of the Alcohol Awareness Week (<http://www.awarh.eu/>). Every year in November Eurocare with a number of organizations is striving to raise awareness with meetings in the European Parliament and Member States supplemented by activities on social media. Themes vary from year

to year; in 2018 it was alcohol and related harm. Eurocare participates and disseminates widely new knowledge from EU-funded projects (RARHA, Let it hAPYN, EWA, AMMIE, PROTECT, EU-US civil society dialogue). Eurocare actively contributes to civil society dialogue processes at the EU level. This includes participation in structured dialogues such as; European Health Policy Forum, European Alcohol and Health Forum, DG AGRI civil society dialogue on wine, DG TAXUD round table on denaturated alcohol, DG Trade civil society dialogue, DG CONNECT Community of Best Practice.

Eurocare is also a member of the Alcohol Policy Network, the NGO Road Safety Alliance and European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). Eurocare provides substantial support to its thematic networks; Alcohol Policy Youth Network (APYN), European Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Alliance (EUFASD) and European Mutual help Network for Alcohol related problems (EMNA).

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

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

Eurocare is accredited to regional non-State actors to WHO Europe from 2018.

Eurocare working relationship with WHO has been excellent over the years. Eurocare has participated actively in several meetings like:

- WHO Regional meetings on alcohol policy, latest in Edinburgh, November 2018 and in meetings regarding the future of alcohol policy with Member States {21.1 Stockholm} and Civil Society {28.1 Portugal}
- 2017 WHO Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours
- Eurocare provided input to WHO Geneva when presenting alcohol labelling at the Codex Alimentarius meeting mid October 2017
- Participated in meetings/discussions on women's health strategy in 2016
- Dialogue on Mobilizing International Cooperation on Noncommunicable Diseases, December 2015
- Eurocare provided the report "Alcohol labelling -A discussion document on policy options {2017}"
- Eurocare provides regularly input to WHO consultations, the latest input was on the Consultation on WHO's 13th General Programme of Work 2019-2023 (GPW13).
- WHO Europe and Geneva participate and speak regularly in meetings organized by Eurocare, latest during the European Alcohol Awareness Week in an event in the European Parliament in November 2017.

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

Eurocare has been working on improving the labelling of alcoholic beverages in Europe since 2008 and is engaged in this work with both WHO Europe and the European Commission. This includes numerous presentations at European conferences and events, as well as meetings with Members of European Parliament and national decisionmakers. Eurocare also contributed to the Estonian Presidency council conclusions in 2017 on the topic of labelling. Eurocare has over the years been instrumental in raising the issue on the agenda. Eurocare produced several publications on the topic of labelling (available at <https://www.eurocare.org/publications.php>):

- What's in this drink? Eurocare's position on ingredients and nutritional information, 2018
- What's not the bottle? Eurocare reflections on alcohol labelling, 2014
- What is in your bottle? Alcohol Ingredients Labelling, 2013
- Library of Alcohol Health warning labels, 2012
- Position paper on: health warning messages on alcoholic beverages, 2011
- Preliminary library of alcohol health information and warnings labels, 2009
- Labelling initiatives, a brief summary of health warning labels on alcoholic beverages, 2009

- (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).**

Eurocare has been following the discussions in Codex Alimentarius on the labelling of alcoholic beverages.

- (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.**

Labelling of alcoholic beverages, nutritional and ingredients listing and health information labels.

- (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.**

N/A

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

English

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

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Secretary General

(p) Signature and date



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**ANNEX 3: FVE**  
**Original language only****(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

- FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE (FVE)
- FEDERACIÓN DE VETERINARIOS DE EUROPA (FVE)
- FÉDÉRATION DES VÉTÉRINAIRES D'EUROPE (FVE)
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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**

FVE is an international non-profit association, established by private deed of 22 December 1988, published in the Annexes to the “Moniteur Belge” [Belgian Official Gazette] of 23 February 1989 under number 001914. The association was granted legal personality by the Royal Decree of 20 October 1999. The registered office of the FVE is established at 12 Avenue de Tervueren, 1040 Brussels (Brussels judicial district). FVE is also official stakeholder to the European Union and registered at the EU transparency register with the N. 3959733732-78.

The European veterinary profession, embodied by FVE, strives to enhance animal health, animal welfare, public health and the protection of the environment by promoting the veterinary profession. Together with our members, FVE aims to support veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard and that this expertise is recognised and valued by society.

**(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).**

FVE members are veterinary statutory bodies and veterinary professional associations across the EU region. According to the FVE By-Laws and Internal Rules membership is open to:

- National Organisations of veterinary professionals from a European country, as Europe is defined in the Internal Rules;
- International Organisations representing vocational groups of the veterinary profession in Europe (so called Sections), as Europe is defined in the Internal Rule.

For the purpose of the membership criteria, as stated in the Internal Rules, Europe is defined as the geographical area delimited by the territory of those countries, which are members of the Council of Europe.

Observer status of the FVE is open to national organisations of veterinary professionals in countries that don't have a Member in the FVE provided they meet the conditions and accomplish the formalities provided under Article 8 of the FVE Bye-Laws. FVE has currently 44 members over 35 countries and 4 observers. Amongst its members, FVE has four technical sections representing veterinary practitioners (UEVP), state officers (EASVO), food safety and veterinary public health (UEVH) and veterinarians working in education, research and industry (EVERI).

Full list of FVE members is publicly available [here](#).

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

FVE is governed by the Board, elected by the FVE members. The Board is elected for two years and can be re-elected once. The Board sets the strategic direction and is responsible for corporate and financial governance.

The current FVE Board from 2015 to (June) 2019 is composed by Mr. Rafael Laguens, President (Spain); Mr. Zsolt Pintér, Treasurer (Hungary); Mr. Andrew Robinson, Vice-President (UK); MR. Arne Skjoldager, vice-President (Denmark); Mr. Rens van Dobbenburgh, Vice-President, (Netherlands).

Twice per year, representatives of FVE members meet in the General Assembly. The General Assembly defines FVE policy, approves the finances, elects the FVE Board and controls Board activities.

FVE has a permanent office in Brussels (FVE Secretariat). The Secretariat supervises the day-to-day activities of the FVE and reports to the FVE Board.

It is composed by: Mr. Jan Vaarten – Executive Director; Ms. Nancy De Briyne – Deputy Executive Director; Mr. Francesco Proscia – Senior Policy Officer, Ms. Despoina Iatridou – Senior Policy Officer; Ms. Ulrike Tewes – Office Manager.

FVE has several working groups addressing specific fields and legislative dossiers, the most relevant are:

- Animal health task force (follow up of tertiary legislation of the Regulation (EU) 2016/429);
- Veterinary public health, food safety & quality (food safety policies, implementation and revision of the food chain legislation, follow up of tertiary legislation of official controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625);
- Veterinary medicinal products (responsible use of antimicrobials, follow up of tertiary legislation of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 (VMPs) and Regulation (EU) 2019/4 (medicated feed);
- Animal welfare (under renewal) - (responsible care of animals, animal welfare standards and their application);

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

The funds of the FVE are formed by the annual fees paid by members and observers. Members and observers can be decided annually by the General Assembly on a motion of the Board of Directors. FVE has annual operating budget of 963.000 euros. Detailed information of fees and membership are provided in the FVE By-Laws.

**(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.**

Twice a year, FVE members meet in the General Assembly. The spring General Assembly is traditionally organised by one of FVE's Members and the autumn General Assembly is held in

Brussels. The General Assembly has the following powers: to define FVE policy, to approve the finances, to approve or exclude members or observers, to elect the new FVE Board and to control the activities of the Board.

The forthcoming General Assembly will be held this June in Bratislava and hosted by the FVE member Komora veterinárnych lekárov Slovenskej Republiky.

FVE Board meets every two/three months in Brussels or in another agreed venue. Often FVE Board welcomes Sections' presidents in an enlarged meeting to better coordinate actions and follow up to take. Often, FVE Board, supported by its members, runs regional meetings to better address specific issues across the different regions of Europe. FVE Board has constant exchange of information with the FVE Executive Director based in Brussels.

FVE Working groups meet twice per year in Brussels office and have several telephone conferences and digital exchange of documents and reports.

In addition, the UEVH section - Union of European Veterinary Hygienists, Veterinarians for Public Health section, member of FVE, has a special focus on public health issues. The EVERI section - representing

veterinarians employed in the sectors of education, research and/or industry – has a special focus on research, innovation and education in veterinary sciences.

Position papers and policy recommendations are issued to the FVE Board and voted in the General Assembly. Positions papers, publications and lobbying actions adopted are available [here](#).

FVE is involved in several EU projects:

- Animal Transport Guides – FVE is project partner;
- ZAPI - Zoonoses Anticipation and Preparedness Initiative - FVE member of Stakeholder Advisory Board;
- EFFORT - Epidemiology of Antimicrobial resistance; FVE chairs External Advisory Board;
- COMPARE - Platform for detection and Analyses of (Re-) emerging and foodborne outbreaks in Europe - FVE is member of Expert Panel;
- HealthyLivestock - Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance through improved livestock Health & Welfare - FVE is project partner and work package leader;

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

FVE collaborates and provides opinions to the European Commission, to the European Parliament and especially to the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) Committees and to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in the European Union (COREPER).

FVE closely collaborates with the European Medicines Agency (EMA - FVE Deputy Executive Director, N. De Briyne seats in the EMA management board), the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), the European Center for Diseases Control (ECDC).

FVE collaborates with the following International Organizations: WHO, FAO, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education, European Board of Veterinary Specialisation, American & Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA-CVMA) and with the World Veterinary Association.

FVE hosts the World Veterinary Association (WVA) Secretariat. WVA represents more than 500,000 veterinarians through 95 veterinary member associations across six continents. WVA supports the work of veterinarians in diverse areas of medicine, research, practice, and outreach and is guided by its belief in One Health.

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

FVE is official stakeholder to the EU Institutions and to the EU agencies, specifically to the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) and European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Through-out its technical sections and working groups FVE is engaged into discussions and provides comments to the EU Legislative proposals, guidelines, EU Parliament Resolutions and EU agencies opinions on a wide range of topics: antimicrobial resistance, animal health and welfare, responsible use of drugs, food safety and security, veterinary medicine training and education.

In light of all this and through-out its engaged experts across several sectors, FVE can provide a truly contribution to the discussion within the Codex Committees.

**(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).**

None.

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FVE would like to contribute and participate specifically to the following Committees:

- Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, CCFICS
- Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems, CCGP;
- Codex Committee on General Principles, CCRVDF;
- Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods.

The reason why FVE wishes to attend the above committees is that FVE monitors all the standards related to food safety (e.g. TDI/ADI related to food additives, veterinary drugs and pesticides, MRLs related to pesticides), to import/export of food, to veterinary medicinal products and their residues. These standards are always taken into account by EU Legislators and by International standard setting bodies (Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX); World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE); IPPC, International Plant Protection Convention).

- (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.**

None.

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

English

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

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- (o) Signature and date.**

Brussels, 10/4/2019



**ANNEX 4: FSC**  
**Original language only****(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

Food Safety Consortium (FSC)

**(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**

Food Safety Consortium (FSC) was conceived in January 2015 and officially launched by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) in December 2015 with significant support from its Innovation and Technology Development Office and the Food Safety and Technology Research Centre, with the mission of addressing unmet food safety needs through innovation. FSC is committed as a platform to foster closer engagement and collaboration among the industry, academia, and government in strengthening capacity building in food safety. It also utilizes scientific approaches to enhance capacity and technical competency with a view to addressing current food safety challenges among food industry, with the ultimate goal of benefiting public food health.

As stated in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, the objectives of FSC are:

- To create an industry-academia network and to provide support to the food industry with PolyU's applied technology portfolio; and
- To enhance the capability and competence on food safety and its related technology development through fostering academic and industrial collaborations.

FSC is steered by prominent members of the industry, academia and professional organization to optimize its capability of advancing food safety with science and technology. FSC comprises of a Steering Committee, an Advisory Board, a Management Committee, and Corporate Members encompassing the areas of manufacturing, retail and wholesale, catering, testing & services, food security management, and other areas.

**(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 December 2018, FSC has 56 Corporate Members in 6 categories. Corporate Members is free of charge and shall be those companies engaged in the categories indicated, or other sectors of the food industry. They range from local companies from Hong Kong to multinational corporations (joining through their local representative office for local networking events), with frequent communications with their global and regional research bases to explore technology development and research collaborations. All information is available at [www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc)

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

FSC is steered by prominent members of the industry, academia and professional organizations to optimize its capability of advancing food safety with science and technology. Sub-committees encompassing various sectors will each be chaired by members of the Management Committee with the corresponding expertise. All information is available at [www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc)

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

FSC is financed by funding from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, which is a public university in Hong Kong funded by The Government of the Hong Kong SAR. Project funding are generally sought from the government and industry sponsors depending on the funding scheme.

**(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.**

FSC Management Committee Meetings take place around every February. Advisors and Management Committee Members will be invited to share updates on FSC's efforts, and advances in food safety related technologies, and technology challenges or risks encountered by the industry and other food safety stakeholders.

In addition, meetings, seminars and conferences of various scales are organized to facilitate exchanges between all stakeholders, foster exploration of research collaboration, and come up with solutions for advancing global food safety.

Please find the following examples of FSC meetings and events organized:

- Management Committee Meeting (most recent):
- Collaborative Research and Technology Exchange Meetings:  
Food Safety Industry Exchange Session (Cold Chain) – Event Summary and Photo Gallery  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/page-1-166>  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/gallery-detail-1-203#229>

Advancing Food Safety and Integrity through Public-Private Partnerships and Collaboration with the Academia – Event Summary and Photo Gallery  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/page-1-161>  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/gallery-detail-1-210#229>

Finland 100 – PolyU Innovation and Technology Development Lecture Series – Safe Finnish Food for All – Event Summary and Photo Gallery  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/page-1-159>  
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/itdo/fsc/en/index/gallery-detail-1-212#229>

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

- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Project Senior Advisor

FSC Convener Dr. Terence Lau is a Senior Advisor for the “Asia-Pacific Smart Agricultural and Food Safety Industrial Demonstration Zone Project” undertaken by UNOPS (UNOPS Project Code: 00092157) in China, which aims at upgrading agricultural and food industries in the Changchun region by capacity-building, promotion, and facilitating public-private partnerships contributing to safe, trusted food in a clean environment.

- WHO/FAO International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) Meeting

In November 2016, FSC Convener Dr. Terence Lau was invited to speak at INFOSAN regarding “Food Authenticity and Fraud, Asian Initiatives for Prevention.” INFOSAN is a global network of national food safety authorities with 186 member states working together in addressing food contamination risk owing to the increasing globalization of food trade. It aims at the rapid sharing of information during food safety emergencies and exchange of experiences and solutions among members to protect global food health.

- WHO at Global Food Safety and Technology Forum (GFSTF) 2016

An international conference organized by the FSC in February 2016, hosting over 40 speakers worldwide and 300 attendees from the industry, academia, government, etc. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the then Special Representative for Antimicrobial Resistance, and Assistant Director-General at WHO, was the plenary keynote speaker at the conference. Owing to its success, the next editions of the forum continue as “GoFood” Conferences in collaboration with partners of the DISH Global Centre for Food Safety and Quality.

- Empowering Global Food Safety Collaborative Research Seminar and Workshop

In January 2015, PolyU invited Prof. Jørgen Schlundt, Professor at the Technical University of Denmark and former Director for Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses at the WHO, to deliver a public lecture on the most imminent food safety threats and the prioritization of tackling such threats with new global initiatives, the optimization of risk assessments, and efficient farm-to-fork (one health) solutions. The seminar was followed by exchanges of Prof. Schlundt with the industry, academic researchers and government representatives. During the event, PolyU announced with conception of FSC and encouraged stakeholders to join hands in addressing food safety issues.

- International Association for Food Protection (IAFP)

In July 2015, FSC became the only Hong Kong Affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), a non-profit association of 4000 food safety professionals in the United States with over 100 years of history. In 2017, FSC also became the first IAFP affiliate outside of the Americas to receive the C.B. Shogren Memorial Award, in recognition of FSC's exceptional achievement in advancing global food safety, and in particular with its objectives and efforts in line with the mission of IAFP - "to provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply."

- DISH Global Centre for Food Safety and Quality (DISH)

In May 2017, PolyU, Lund University (LU), National Food Institute - Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and the University of Bologna (Unibo) launched a joint centre of excellence for food safety – the DISH Global Centre for Food Safety (later name changed to reflect "Food Quality" element). DISH is a unique, non-profit platform founded by four economies – Denmark, Italy, Sweden, and Hong Kong – to foster European – Hong Kong / China – Asia Pacific collaborations in food safety and quality. It allows food safety stakeholders to access world class expertise when they approach any DISH partner to seek for solutions.

- European Commission Horizon 2020 Project – "EU-China-Safe"

In 2017, PolyU also joined force with 15 EU partners and 17 Chinese partners in the EU Horizon 2020 program. Together with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), €10 million towards an EU-China partnership to improve food safety and tackle food fraud. The project involves key players in the food industry, research organisations and Governments across two of the world's largest trading areas. PolyU is the only representative from Hong Kong to participate in this significant food safety initiative.

- Global Outreach

Through FSC and DISH, PolyU has been actively introducing our food safety expertise to various organizations, the industry and other relevant stakeholders. Since FSC's establishment we have established global visibility through attending and presenting at global conferences such as GFSI Conference (Organized by The Consumer Goods Forum) and China International Food Safety and Quality Conference (CIFSQ), and connections have been established with governmental and supranational bodies such as the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Interpol, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, TEKES, and various organizations.

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

FSC, is a non-profit setup at PolyU with a strong base of research expertise and connection with the food industry, with a geographical advantage of being located in Hong Kong which assumes a unique position in tackling food safety issues in the region. FSC will provide scientific and technology based support and industry inputs to Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme regarding regional and global food safety related issues, as well as education and training support, which will aid with global food safety capacity building. Some areas which FSC could be of contribution include contaminants and adulterants in food commodities, and novel technology & analytic protocols development (e.g. chemometric and bioinformatics), and reference benchmarks for identification of anomalies and authenticity verification for food items, as well as other relevant technologies.

**(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).**

No such activities or relationships.

- (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.**

CCCF	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods
CCFA	Codex Committee on Food Additives
CCFH	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
CCMAS	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
CCNFSDU	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses
CCPR	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
CCRVDF	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
CCCPC	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate
CCCPL	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes
CCFFP	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products
CCFFV	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
CCFO	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils
CCMMP	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products
CCMPH	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene
CCNMW	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters
CCPFV	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables
CCS	Codex Committee on Sugars
CCSCH	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs
CCVP	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins

- (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.**

This is FSC's first application for Codex observer status.

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

All communications can be sent in English.

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

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 Director of Innovation and Technology Development  
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 Vice President, Hong Kong Food Safety Association

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- (o) Signature and date.**

Terence Lok-ting Lau, Ph.D.  
 25 January, 2019



**ANNEX 5: IMACE**  
Original language only**(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

The European Margarine Association (IMACE)

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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.**

Created in 1958, "the object of the non-profit-making association is to study, at European and International level, any economic and scientific problem directly or indirectly linked to the European and International margarine industries and to elaborate solutions to the problems common to those industries by holding meetings, exchange of information, joint research and by lawful means which can further the object of the association".

The association also aims to ensure that its members' interests are professionally and consistently represented to all European and International institutions and relevant policy makers. Our major interests are in Food & environmental Law impacting our sector.

**(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).**

All information is available online at [www.imace.org](http://www.imace.org)

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

IMACE has a light governance structure with an annual General Assembly gathering all the members, a board preparing the AGM and supervising the Secretariat activities and a Council of experts analyzing the different regulations, policy initiatives and formulating our sector positions and activities. IMACE is managed by a lean Secretariat headed by a Secretary General who runs the day to day business, executing the strategy and monitoring new developments.

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

IMACE is funded by Membership fees only.

**(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 GA meets once a year, the Board 3 times a year and the Council of experts meets 3 times a year and in between specific ad hoc expert calls are set up to prepare specific dossiers. The last Council of Expert meeting discussed several topics, which are also on the CODEX agenda.

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

IMACE has no relations with other international organizations.

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

We will be active in the CODEX domains where IFMA has been active for many years and the current areas of interest are: CCCF, CCFL, CCNFSDU, CCFO and CCMAS to a lesser extent.

- (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).**

Currently we participate in the CODEX work through IFMA.

- (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.**

Through IFMA we contributed in the past 3 years mainly to the CCCF & CCNFSDU discussions. We plan to increase our CODEX activity in the coming years.

- (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.**

None.

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

Our official languages are English and French, the communication is preferably in English.

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

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- (o) Signature and date.**



Siska Pottie  
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**ANNEX 6: MONIQA ASSOCIATION**  
**Original language only**

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

Internationale Gesellschaft für Lebensmittelsicherheit und Qualitätsmanagement ("MoniQA Association")

MoniQA Association: International Association for Monitoring and quality Assurance in the total food supply chain

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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**

MoniQA Association

(Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the Total Food Supply Chain)

Established: as Network of Excellence February 2007; as International Association September 2011

Mission Statement:

MoniQA Association is an international and interdisciplinary network of professionals from institutions working in food research, regulatory bodies and trade, providing solutions to promote a safer and secure food supply worldwide. MoniQA Association facilitates international research collaborations to enable services and products for food safety & quality assurance. MoniQA Association contributes to the development and validation of analytical methods, provides training and continuous professional development (CPD), consultancy and socio-economic impact assessment.

To achieve our mission:

- We foster an international pool of experts with multidisciplinary expertise
- We provide privileged information
- We provide a portal for facilitating guidelines, protocols, links, and scientific publications
- We offer membership to interested institutions in all countries
- We participate in Technical Committees (ISO, CEN, Codex, etc.)
- We organise training workshops, webinars, and educational courses
- We organise scientific conferences and provide a platform for networking and cooperation
- We conduct research and enable collaborative research projects, consortia, funds,
- project management services, and mobility and exchange programs
- We provide Reference Materials and manage validation studies

History:

MoniQA Association was launched in 2011 succeeding the highly rated EU-funded Network of Excellence on Monitoring and Quality Assurance in the total Food Supply Chain (MoniQA, 2007-2012). With a proven record of international collaboration (involvement of more than 500 experts from over 40 countries on 5 continents) and successfully developing harmonized guidelines, tools and services to improve food safety and quality worldwide, MoniQA Association was founded to improve global collaboration in food safety & quality assurance, by facilitating research cooperations and industry consultancy, serving international organisations, governments, local authorities by providing expertise, tools and services to ensure a safer and secure food supply. MoniQA Association is registered as a non-profit-distributing association established in Vienna, Austria.

- (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 Association has different kinds of members:

- Founder membership was open at the inception of the Association to the original members of the EU-Commission funded Network of Excellence bearing the project reference number FOOD-CT-2006-036337 (MoniQA), who wish to assist in furthering the aims of the Association. Full membership may be granted to those who have been members of the Association for a period of not less than three consecutive years.
- Ordinary membership is open to all interested stakeholder organisations, based on an application process and approval by the Supervisory Board.
- Single individuals can join as micro-company / one-man company.

As of 01 January 2019, MoniQA Association has 36 institutions as members and some 9000 professionals as subscribers to the MoniQA eNewsAlert and online information.

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

The MoniQA Association is registered as a non-profit distributing association (Verein) established in Vienna, Austria and subject to the laws of that jurisdiction. Strategic business decisions will be the responsibility of an elected Supervisory Board, while the scientific direction of the association will be guided by a separate Scientific Advisory Committee. The General Assembly is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with the entity's statutes (discussed above) and holding both the Supervisory Board and Secretary General to account with regards to reaching those goals in a scientifically appropriate and financially prudent manner. MoniQA applies a best practice ethics code of conduct.

The representative bodies of the Association are the:

- a) General Assembly
- b) Supervisory Board
- c) Scientific Advisory Committee

All information is available at <http://www.moniqua.org/>

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

The funds required for the Association are raised by means of subscriptions from its members. Additional funds may be raised by participation in research projects financed by external agencies, symposia, conferences, training workshops, publications, software, databases, consultancy, laboratory materials, contributions from foundations and donations from other parties. Any surpluses generated by the Association will only be used to further advance the Association's aims and maintaining its Non-Profit status.

- (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.**

MoniQA Association organizes various scientific meetings. Annually MoniQA usually organizes two smaller international scientific meetings (each with about 40 participants) to consult on research activities, method validation studies and reference materials (MoniQA Task Force on Food Allergen Reference Materials, MoniQA Task Force on food Authenticity), at least one international symposium (e.g. series of the International MoniQA Symposium on "Food Fraud Prevention and Effective Food Allergen Management" (with about 100-120 participants), and one large Association meeting dealing with Food Safety, Food Security and Food Quality "MoniQA International Conference" (with about 250-350 participants). Supporting or coordinating international research projects may require additional meetings as well as collaboration with other associations.

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

During the period MoniQA was hosted by ICC (the International Association for Cereal Science and Technology) between 2007-2015, MoniQA contributed via ICC (Observer Status) to Codex Alimentarius, CEN, ISO, AACCI, AOAC International, and other international organizations. On becoming an independent organization with separate headquarters, MoniQA would like to seek official "Observer Status". Since 2007 MoniQA has provided training and expert opinions for CCMAS in Budapest by organizing technical workshops attached to the annual CCMAS meeting, which were attended by up to 120 Codex delegates. While these workshops were not held in recent years, following a recent request from the CCMAS secretariat in Budapest and the Codex office in Rome, MoniQA is considering the organization of technical workshops for CCMAS delegates in Budapest again, starting in 2020. Starting in 2007 MoniQA has been a member of the IAM (Inter Agency Meeting) and since 2016 MoniQA has hosted the IAM website. The IAM represents approximately 25 international standardisation organizations supporting Codex Alimentarius through the provision of technical information and participation in Codex meetings.

MoniQA collaborates with other international standardisation organisations, such as AOAC in developing protocols for method validation, providing reference materials for method calibration, validation and proficiency testing, and technical input to advice regulatory bodies for better regulations. As a Network of Excellence, MoniQA was linked to various international research consortia in Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa and Australia/New Zealand.

Currently MoniQA is a member in AOAC International, IAM (Inter Agency Meeting preceding CCMAS), Virtual Institute of Reference Material Producers- Joint Research Centre-European Commission, International Association for Cereal Science and Technology-Austria, Association of Austrian Biotechnologists.

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

MoniQA would like to

- Provide technical assistance for the development of standards
- Support the revision and amendments of existing standards
- Promote the application international standards to its members and stakeholders
- Promote the inclusion of Codex standards in national laws
- Help and support food businesses to follow and implement international standards
- Include Codex work in our scientific and technical workshops, symposia, conferences and trainings
- Support CCMAS and Codex in general through participation in IAM (Inter Agency Meeting)
- Provide technical workshops for Codex delegates in Budapest linked to the annual CCMAS meeting
- Attend CCMAS in Budapest

**(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).**

MoniQA is strongly linked to members of IAM (e.g. AOAC, AACCI, IRMM-European Commission, FDA, AOCS, and others). Thus, MoniQA as member of IAM has contributed to technical papers submitted to CCMAS. MoniQA has provided training workshops for Codex delegates to CCMAS in Hungary. MoniQA has supported FAO/WHO/Codex meetings with consultancy, giving talks, and disseminating meeting announcements and public meeting outcomes.

**(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.**

MoniQA would like to request Observer Status to Codex especially to contribute to CCMAS activities, international standard development/revision, training, technical assistance and dissemination of international standards and support for their implementation on the policy and management levels.

- (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.**

MoniQA has not previously applied for observer status. However, between 2007-2015 MoniQA supported ICC (International Association for Cereal Science and Technology, Observer Status) in their work for Codex.

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

In English, please.

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

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- (o) **Signature and date.**

Güssing, 2019-05-09



**ANNEX 7: NPA**  
**Original language only****(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)**

Natural Products Association (NPA)

**(b) Full postal address, Telephone, Telex address, Facsimile and Email 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.)**

The Natural Products Association ([www.npanational.org](http://www.npanational.org)), founded in 1936, is the nation's largest and oldest non-profit organization dedicated to the natural products industry. NPA represents over 1,000 members accounting for more than 10,000 retail, manufacturing, wholesale, and distribution locations of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements, and health/beauty aids. NPA unites a diverse membership, from the smallest health food store to the largest dietary supplement manufacturer.

NPA is recognized for its strong lobbying presence in Washington, D.C., where it serves as the industry watchdog on regulatory and legislative issues. In 1994, NPA played a key role in the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA). This important legislation strikes a balance between the need for consumers to have access to and information about safe and effective dietary supplements while also preserving the government's interest in protecting the public from unsafe products and false and misleading claims.

**(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)**

The membership of NPA is open to any entity or organization or individual engaged in the natural products industry. NPA represent over 1,000 member organizations.

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

The NPA office is located in Washington, D.C and is staffed by six individuals.

**NPA Leadership**

President/ CEO: Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D

Sr. Vice-President, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs: Corey Hilmas, M.D., Ph.D

NPA is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors representing all segments of the industry.

**Committees:**

- Committee for Product and Label Integrity (ComPLI): Working with the Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Department, committee members develop positions referred to as "Backgrounders" on key scientific and compliance matters facing our industry. The committee oversees the Association's TruLabel and GMP program and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the Association's quality and purity standards.

Chair: John Venardos

- Probiotics Committee: This committee will keep abreast of laws and regulations specific to probiotics and will recommend advocacy action when appropriate.

Chair: Solange Henoud

- Sports Nutrition Committee: Led by the SR VP of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, committee members consist of leading Sports Nutrition brand executives. The committee acts as an industry watchdog to ensure safety standards are upheld and to promote transparency, integrity and fairness of the industry.

Chair: Mike DiMaggio

- International Committee:

Chair: John Venardos

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

Funding is derived from annual membership dues, certification programs, GMP certification compliance program, educational programs, and royalties from affinity programs.

**(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 frequency of meetings for all NPA committees listed above are held every other month OR as needed to discuss issues which are brought to the attention of this association. NPA held meetings in response to a proposal by USDA to solicit input for the removal of carrageenan from the national organic list as a food additive in infant formulas. USDA's NOP task force attempted to cite data from FAO/WHO's safety review on carrageenan and recommend removal of carrageenan from the organic list based upon perceived safety issues. NPA filed comments with USDA, referencing FAO/WHO's studies, and NPA subsequently presented to USDA's expert reviewer panel. The issue is still unresolved. NPA monitors FAO/WHO safety reviews very closely, and USDA is clearly monitoring FAO/WHO updates to adjust their policy decisions concerning the national organic program.

In our more recent meetings, the issue of chlorophyll, chlorophyllins, and copper complexes as dietary ingredients for use in dietary supplements to be placed inside a capsule, but not permitted as an ingredient in the capsule itself, was discussed. NPA filed comments with FDA (CFSAN) and referenced FAO/WHO reports. The issue is still unresolved.

Other Global Regulatory Authorities on Chlorophyll and Chlorophyllins

- Codex FSFA Provisions

Chlorophylls, chlorophyllins, and copper complexes are added to foods and beverages at concentration up to a maximum permitted level (MPL) as established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and published in the General Standard of Food Additives (GSFA)

Codex Reference:

CODEX STAN 192-1995, 2016. MPLs of Chlorophylls and Chlorophyllins, copper complexes (141i-ii)

- JECFA

An acceptable daily intake (ADI) of 0-15 mg/kg bw for chlorophyll copper complexes and chlorophyllin copper complexes as sodium and potassium salts has been reported previously.

- FAO/WHO references:

FAO/WHO (1969) Specification for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives and Their Toxicological Evaluation: Some Foods Colours, Emulsifiers, Stabilizers, Anticaking Agents, and Certain Other Substances, Thirteenth Report of the Joint FAO/WHO expert Committee on Food Additives, Technical Report No. 445. FAO/WHO, May 27-June 4, 1969

FAO/WHO (1978) Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants. Twenty-Second Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, Technical Report No. 631. FAO/WHO, Apr 3- 12 1978

\*\* For our complete comments on FDA Color Additive Regulations 21 CFR part 73- Use of Chlorophyll as a Coloring Agent in Capsules: NPA CFSAN Comments



**(h) Relations with other international organizations:  
UN and organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any)  
Other international organizations (document substantive activities)**

None

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

NPA's contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Program would be to represent the natural products industry's perspective and insights on behalf of NPA member organizations, concerning matters of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Working with experts at NPA like Dr. Daniel Fabricant, former head of the dietary supplements division at FDA, would allow Codex to benefit from the advice and assistance that organizations representing international authorities and important sectors of public opinion can give.

Although some members of NPA have already been working with Codex through different U.S. based associations, it was identified that with our understanding of political, economic and cultural environment, we could add value to the Codex Alimentarius Commissions as well as provide industry data, knowledge and experiences. NPA hopes to possibly make interventions and submit written comments to Codex as well as participate in Codex meetings and established working groups.

As the Codex Alimentarius Commission plays a role in the regulation of dietary supplement products as well as food additives, several committees that pertain to this explore the development of guidelines governing vitamin and mineral supplement, food labeling and food additives.

Additionally, NPA helped create the Supplement Safety and Compliance Initiative (SSCI). SSCI is an industry-driven initiative led by retailers (GNC, Walmart) to provide a harmonized benchmark to recognize various safety standards throughout the entire dietary supplement supply chain.

SSCI is modeled after the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), but the former focuses on dietary supplements while the later excludes dietary supplements. SSCI is a bold step forward in providing quality assurance from harvest to retailer shelf. Dietary supplements must meet or exceed the SSCI benchmark to be accepted in major retailers, all with the goal of providing quality products and increasing consumer confidence.

SSCI will strive to create global harmonization (domestic and international) through standard benchmarking, a critical piece in the Initiative.

**(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)**

- Attended the US public meetings on the Codex Committee where the draft U.S. positions on agenda items for the 50th CCFA were discussed.

- When NPA was known as National Nutritional Foods Association (NNFA), they were active with the Codex Commission by attending meetings and filing comments that press for adoption of DSHEA-style provisions of U.S. law, such as the ability to use structure/function and health claims.

- NNFA was involved in matters relating to Codex and CAFTA (Central America- Dominican Republic- United States Free Trade Agreement)
- European Court Deems EU supplement Directive Valid; U.S. Supplement Sales not threatened: NPA prepared detailed analysis of the ruling particularly regarding export of US product to EU countries. (NPA Codex Fact Sheet)
- NPA's policy regarding the use and sale of dietary supplements in the international arena has been to lobby for adoption of DSHEA-style laws or regulations.

- NPA has filed comments on the draft Codex Supplement Guidelines and related measures, and has also been named a Non-Governmental Organization member of the U.S. Delegations to the 1997 and 1999 Codex Commission meetings, the 1998 Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) meeting, and the 1997 and 1999 Codex Food Labeling committee meetings. NPA was also a charter member of the International Alliance of Dietary/ Foods Supplement Associations (IADSA), which has been granted permanent international non-governmental organization status by the Codex Alimentarius Secretariat.

- In 2016, NPA submitted comments to USDA regarding Carrageenan to be permitted in organic foods and organic infant formula, and have referenced WHO and JECFA:
  - The World Health Organization's (WHO) Joint Expert Committee of Food Additives (JECFA) concluded it is safe for food use and that it is not necessary to specify an acceptable daily intake (ADI) limit.
- NPA presented a summary (for educational use) of current scientific data and research regarding the use of whey protein as a food or dietary ingredient or dietary supplement. Referenced Report of the "Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Protein Quality Evaluation. Rome: Food And Agricultural Organizations of the United Nations, 1990."
  - Whey protein has one of the highest protein digestibility-corrected amino acid scores (PDCAAS; a measure of protein bioavailability) and is more rapidly digested than other proteins, increases protein synthesis faster, and is therefore believed to be appropriate for post-exercise (2A, 3A). Total whey protein is usually purified using acid hydrolysis, heat, ion-exchange meth

**(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.**

NPA, and on behalf of several NPA member organizations, are requesting observer status with respect to the Codex Alimentarius Committee, in matters relating to:

- Food Hygiene
- Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary uses
- Methods of Analysis and Sampling
- Food Additives
- Contaminants in Food
- Food Import and Export inspection and Certification systems
- Food Labeling
- Milk and Milk Products
- Sugars
- Vegetable Protein
- General Standards

**(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.**

NPA became involved with Codex in late 1994 to assure that the freedoms of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSEHA) were extended to other countries. NPA has filed comments on the draft Codex Supplement Guidelines and related measures and has also been named a Non-Governmental Organization member of the U.S. Delegations to the 1997 and 1999 Codex Commission meetings, the 1998 Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) meeting, and the 1997 and 1999 Codex Food Labeling committee meetings. NPA is also a charter member of the International Alliance of Dietary/Foods Supplement Associations (IADSA), which has been granted permanent international non-governmental organization status by the Codex Alimentarius Secretariat. NPA involvement in Codex and other international activities is always under the direction and supervision of the associations international committee comprised of retail and supplier members.

The reason as to NPA's terminated observer status. Most likely, it may be due to the transitions that took place in NPA leadership and the Board of Directors over the years. Although NPA has not applied for NGO observer status until now, NPA and NPA members have been involved with matters concerning the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

**(m) Language (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non-Governmental 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 black ink, appearing to read "Dan Fabricant". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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