



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

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

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

1. The Executive Committee (CCEXEC) is hereby invited, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* ("the Principles"), to provide advice regarding the applications for Observer Status from the International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO, as included in Annex I.
2. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO will decide whether the applicant organizations are to be granted observer status, taking into account all relevant information received from each applicant organization and the advice of the Executive Committee.
3. This document contains the following application:

Annex	Name
Annex 1	International Association of Plant Bakers (AIBI Aisbl)

Response by the World Federation for Animals (WFA)

4. In considering the application for Observer Status with Codex submitted by the World Federation for Animals (WFA), CCEXEC⁸⁶¹ noted that further information regarding the expected contribution of WFA to the work of Codex and the relevant areas of activity of the entity would be necessary to advise the Director Generals of FAO and WHO on whether to grant Observer status to this NGO.
5. The response by WFA to CCEXEC's request is contained in Annex 2, along with the application by the NGO, to facilitate its further consideration.

Recommendation

6. CCEXEC is invited to:
 - i. provide advice regarding the application included in Annex 1 of the present document; and
 - ii. consider the response by WFA and advise on its application accordingly.

¹ REP24/EXEC1, paras 95 and 96 i.

**APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH CODEX BY
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLANT BAKERS (AIBI Aisbl)**

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

AIBI Aisbl

International Association of Plant Bakers

The association is incorporated as a non-profit organisation under Belgian law, with reference RPM BE 0844 968 285.

The Association is also registered in the EU transparency Register under N° 558 35028 654-55

(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 Association is a non-profit making organisation whose main purpose is to represent, promote and project the interests of plant bakers in Europe and beyond as appropriate. The Association represent the member interests at the institutions of the European Union and other international institutions and organisations. AIBI aisbl examines and monitors existing and proposed legislation and regulations and provides scientific, technical and consumer oriented information about bakery products. As well AIBI aisbl promotes and enhances the positive image of bread to consumers and to the media.

The Association was incorporated under Belgian law on 27/10/2011 and was granted moral person personality through Royal Decree dated 04/03/2012. All official information and publications are available through the Belgian companies and associations online databank at:

<https://kbopub.economie.fgov.be/kbopub/zoeknummerform.html?nummer=0844+968+285&actionLu=Rechercher>

(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).

AIBI is a federation whose members are the national associations of industrial bakers in Europe. It also includes corporate members in countries where no such association exists. There are currently 16 associations from 15 countries and 3 corporate members. This brings together a total of approx. 500 companies of varying sizes (from 15 to several thousand employees) involved in all forms of bakery production. Details of these companies can be found on the websites of the member associations. To our knowledge, none of our member organisations enjoy 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.).

The Highest decision-making body is the General Assembly of Members. The Association is led by a Board of Directors. Day-to-day management is assured by a Presidium and the Secretary General. The Association has a permanent Technical Committee and organise ad hoc task forces when required to address specific topics.

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

The funding of the Association is based on membership fees that are paid by the Member Associations and corporate members. The Association currently receive no external grant.

(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 General Assembly meets yearly, the Board 3 times / year likewise the Technical Ctee. Additional ad hoc meetings are organised as needed. No resolution of specific relevance to the Commission's field of activity has been passed yet, but the Technical Ctee regularly monitors and works on contaminants of relevance to the ingredients acquired by the bakers for manufacturing their products.

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

AIBI has no existing relationship with international organisations. We are interested in developing relationship with FAO, but have so far not found any specific topic/activity that could support this intention. It is to be indicated that AIBI has relationships with the Industrial bakers organisations from other regions of the world (US, South America, Canada, South Africa, Taiwan, China, Japan, India).

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

As a main staple food in many regions of the world, we anticipated that our observer status could contribute to the work of the Commission.

We believe that we could contribute to further develop and foster food safety practices throughout the entire food system and support the advocating for the adoption and deployment of Codex standards. Concretely, as a first example, we have noted the ongoing work of the Contaminants Committee on the revision of the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods (CXC 67-2009) and believe that we could contribute to this important work. We are of course willing to bring our expertise in other topic of relevance.

(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 to report so far.

(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 have noted the ongoing work of the Contaminants Committee on the revision of the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods (CXC 67-2009) and believe that we could contribute to this important work. We would like to be able to answer to the request for information (CL 2024/79-CF), through the OCS, and possibly if appropriate, join the electronic working group that is busy with this topic.

(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 to report

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

English

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

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Belgium

(o) Signature and date

23/08/24



WORLD FEDERATION FOR ANIMALS (WFA) RESPONSE TO CCEXEC86**Core mandate and core functions:**

WFA is an international animal protection network aiming to achieve global impact for animals by providing a platform for the animal protection movement on the international stage. The WFA rests on a broad base of support from over 73 member global animal protection organisations from around the world in all geographical regions who joined forces and work together towards a broad representation of the interests of animals in international policy fora.

By harnessing the collective strength of the animal protection movement, we tap into a momentous opportunity to ensure that animals are, at last, considered within global policymaking.

We do this through:

- Researching, collaboratively developing policy and advocacy strategies and sharing policy analysis and information to better the understanding of the UN system, its processes and implications at the national level as a basis for effective advocacy
- Coordinating and elevating NGOs' global advocacy efforts to maximize the impact of our work through cross-fertilization and strategic advocacy across policy silos.
- Advocating on behalf of the animal protection movement with one professional, clear, and unified position on key animal issues.

How WFA would contribute to the work of CAC in line with the criteria set forth in Section VII of the Codex Procedural Manual.

WFA works through policy working groups on global public health issues, some of which are within the discussion scope topics of the commission.

One of the major ones is the **Food Systems working group** which develops joint strategies and narratives for WFA members to advocate for animal protection in key intergovernmental processes related to food systems.

WFA also represents civil society organizations in the Quadripartite Antimicrobial Resistance Multi Stakeholder partnership platform (MSPP) led steering committee hosted by FAO and chairs an action group on the nexus between **Antimicrobial Resistance and Animal welfare**. We lead narrative development on leveraging animal welfare to promote healthier animals, reduce disease emergence and incidence, and decrease antimicrobial use, addressing the root causes of AMR to achieve sustainable public health

These working groups are composed of experts from around the world, within our member organizations but also with research institutions. When called upon by the commission, these experts can be appointed by WFA as a representative on the commission's subject matters of Food safety and quality and Antimicrobial Resistance discussion to provide views in writing without abridgement to:

- sessions of the Commission
- sessions of specified subsidiary bodies, meetings
- seminars on subjects organized under the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards
- programme which falls within its fields of interest,
- provide written statements on matters before the Commission
- to participate in discussions when invited by the Chairperson.
- This will all be in accordance with Section VII, 26 and 27 of the of the Codex Procedural Manual

**APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH CODEX BY
THE WORLD FEDERATION FOR ANIMALS (WFA)**

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

World Federation for Animals, Inc (WFA)-English

(b) Full postal address: 25 Chestnut Sq, Boston Massachusetts 02130 Telephone:+1(505)301-7233
Facsimile: N/A

Email: jessica.bridgers@wfa.org Telex; N/A

Website: [Home - World Federation for Animals \(wfa.org\)](http://Home - World Federation for Animals (wfa.org))

(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization

WFA's mandate is to improve the well-being of all animals and end exploitation and suffering worldwide, through the joint efforts of four member organisations through the following activities:

- Policy research, analysis and information sharing
- Coordinated advocacy agenda
- Policy advocacy on a global level

WFA's members work on a range of activities related to the Codex Alimentarius, through a focus on the production, trade and consumption of animals and animal products, as well as innovation and promotion of alternative plant-based proteins.

Methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.). Statutes attached.

Date of establishment: legally founded in 1998 as World Animal Net and it was later amended to World Federation for Animals (WFA) which was launched in 2021 with the statutes revised and agreed in 2020.

(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, method of affiliation where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate an approximate number in each country. (see Annex 1)

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) None of our members have observer status with 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.).

501(c)(3) U.S.-registered non profit organisation. WFA is a membership organisation where the trustee board is appointed from the membership. The ultimate decision-making body is the General Assembly, with power to elect Board members. The general secretariat is made of 9 staff who are internationally based. Member working groups include a group on Sustainable Food systems.

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

Predominantly member contributions, with minor proportion of philanthropic donations

(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.

Executive board meetings quarterly with 90% attendance Internal board meetings, monthly with 80% attendance Annual General Meeting with 80% attendance

International Policy Forum meetings for WFA members quarterly, approximately 50 attendees
Secretariat meeting, weekly with average 80% attendance

(h) Relations with other international organizations: UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).

Accredited NGO to the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP);

Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Other international organizations (document substantive activities).

Since 2020, WFA has had a close collaboration with the World Bank, FAO, World Organisation for Animal Health and Wageningen University with the objective of publishing guidelines on animal welfare in agricultural development.

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

WFA will contribute to the standard-setting process in a spirit of openness, collaboration and transparency by drawing on the expertise of our members and providing technical input on our areas of activity.

(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

(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.

WFA is an organization that brings together over 50 global organizations across the human, animal, plant and ecosystem interface.

Areas of activity:

For the Commission;

- Food safety and quality
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Animal feed

For subsidiary bodies:

General Subject Committees

- Committee on General Principles, hosted by France
- Committee on Food Labelling, hosted by Canada
- Committee on Import/Export Inspection and Certification Systems, hosted by

Australia Commodities Committees

- Committee on Meat Hygiene, hosted by New Zealand

(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 the first application for WFA.

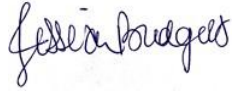
(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non- Governmental Organization.

English

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

Jessica Bridgers, Deputy CEO, 25 Chestnut Sq, Boston Massachusetts 02130

(o) **Signature and date.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felix Budget". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

26th April 2023

Annex 1 for (d)

Affiliation for the member organizations:

- Full members are members who pay the full fee, and get access to the General Assembly with voting rights, and the right to run for board membership. Full members get access to all working groups and communication channels.
- Associate members are members who pay half the rate of the regular fee. They get access to the General Assembly, but do not have voting rights. They have access to all communication channels, and limited access to working groups.

Full Members

Organization name	Address	Principal officer	Country
Cruelty Free International	16A Crane Grove, London N7 8LE,	Michelle Thew	UNITED KINGDOM
Animal Protection Denmark	BUDDINGEVEJ 308 2860 SØBORG.	Britta Riis	DENMARK
Africa Network for Animal Welfare	Kifaru House 137, Milima Road	Josphat Ngonyo	KENYA
Eurogroup for Animals	Rue Ducale 29, 1000 Brussels	Reineke Hameleers	BELGIUM
Deutscher Tierschutzbund	In d. Raste 10, 53129 Bonn,	Jürgen Plinz	GERMANY
Djurens Ratt	Stora Nygatan 27, 211 37 Malmö	Benny Andersson	SWEDEN
The Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law & Policy	1755 S Naperville Rd STE 100, Wheaton, IL 60189,	Timothy Midura	UNITED STATES
World Animal Protection	222 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8HB,	Steve McIvor	UNITED KINGDOM
Fondation Brigitte Bardot	28 Rue Vineuse, 75116 Paris	Christophe Marie	FRANCE
Animals Australia	37 O'Connell Street, North Melbourne, VIC 3051.	Glenys Oogjes	AUSTRALIA
American Anti-Vivisection Society	801 Old York Road Suite 204, Jenkintown, PA 19046	Sue Leary	UNITED STATES
World Federation for Animals	25 Chestnut Square. Boston, MA 02130.	James Yeates	UNITED STATES
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9RS,	Chris Sherwood	UNITED KINGDOM

World Horse Welfare	ANNE COLVIN HOUSE SNETTERTON NORWICH NR16 2LR	Roly Owers	UNITED KINGDOM
FOURPAWS International	Wienzeile236/Stiege21.floor, 1150 Vienna,	Josef Pfabigan	AUSTRIA
GAIA Voice of the Voiceless	Rue du Houblon 43 1000 Brussels	Michel Vandenbosh	BELGIUM
Asia for Animals Coalition	Cornwall House, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll, UK, PA29 6TW	Sarah Grant	VIETNAM
Mercy for Animals	8033 Sunset Blvd Ste 864, Los Angeles, CA 90046	Leah Garces	UNITED STATES
Compassion in World Farming International	River Court Mill Lane Godalming Surrey GU7 1EZ	Philip Lymbery	UNITED KINGDOM

Organization name	Address	Principal officer	Country
Code Animal	Maison des associations de Strasbourg, 1a Place des Orphelins, 67000 Strasbourg, France	Alexandr a Morette	FRANCE
No Corrida	9 Chemin du Puits de Roulle, 30900 Nîmes, France	Roger Lahana	FRANCE
Lady Freethinker	12405 Venice Blvd. #390, Los Angeles, CA 90066, USA	Nina Jackel	UNITED STATES
PanAfrican Sanctuary Alliance	3426 Southwest Arnold Street, Portland, OR 97219, USA	Kelly O'Mear a	UNITED STATES
Catholic Concern for Animals	46 Corporation Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2AR, UK	Chris Fegan	UNITED KINGDOM
Ippohesis, Panhellenic Equine Welfare Society	Agias Sofias 121, Athens, Greece	Roza Rousso u	GREECE
C'est Assez!	32 Rue Robert Schuman, 21121 Fontaine-lès- Dijon	Christine Grandjea n	FRANCE
Save The Asian Elephants	Longbow House, 20 Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TW	Dunca n McNair	UNITED KINGDOM
Animal Evac New Zealand	Wellington 6011, New Zealand	Steve Glasse y	NEW ZEALAND
Djurskyddet Sverige (Animal Welfare Sweden)	Hammarby Fabriksväg 25, 120 30 Stockholm, Sweden	Åsa Hagelstedt	SWEDEN
Animal Welfare and Protection Organisation	Namiro Swamp, Entebbe, Uganda	Wanderema S.N Wesonga	UGANDA

Aquatic Life Institute	1829 Dillon Dam Road, Silverthorne, CO 80498, USA	Catalina Lopez	UNITED STATES
Green REV Institute	Giordana Bruna 34, Warsaw, Poland	Marcin Anaszewicz	POLAND
WellBeing International	9812 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854, USA	Andrew Rowan	UNITED STATES
Coalition of African Animal Welfare Organisations	Firland Meadow, Helderberg Rural, Cape Town, South Africa	Tozie Zofuka	SOUTH AFRICA
Animal Welfare Institute	900 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC, USA	Susan Millward	UNITED STATES
Animal Interfaith Alliance AIA	56 Cole Lane, Ivybridge, UK	Barbara Gardner	UNITED KINGDOM
Hellenic Animal Welfare Federation	Irodou Attikou 9, Athens, Greece	Irini Molfessi	GREECE
Proyecto Animales Latino America	Calle 147 #21-34 apt 301c, Bogotá, Colombia	Luis C Sarmiento	COLOMBIA
The Donkey Sanctuary (UK)	Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU	Marianne Steele	UNITED KINGDOM

Associate Members

Organization name	Address	Principal officer	Country
OneKind	OneKind, 50 Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5DL, UK	Bob Elliot	UNITED KINGDOM
Animals & Society Institute	2512 Carpenter Road, Suite 202A, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1188	Ivy Collier	UNITED STATES
Animal Kingdom Foundation Inc	Cub-Cub Barangay Hall, Atienza St, Capas, Tarlac, Philippines	Other Heidi Caguioa	PHILIPPINES
Somali Animal Welfare Society (SAWS)	Mogadishu, Somalia	Abdiaziz Idiris Mohamud	SOMALIA
Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries	Phoenix, AZ 85050, U.S.A.	Valerie Taylor	UNITED STATES
Romanian League in Defense of Animals Inc	4674 Crofton Station Court, Crofton, MD 21114, USA	Elena Daniela Costin	UNITED STATES
WELFARM - Protection mondiale des animaux de ferme	176 Avenue André Malraux, Metz, France	Ghislain Zuccolo	FRANCE
Society for Animal and Range Development	26 June, Hargeisa, Somalia	Aden Mohamoud	SOMALIA

(SARD)			
Svenska Djurskyddsföreningen	Sandsborgsvägen 55, Enskede, Sverige	Maria Lönn	SWEDEN
Animal People, Inc.	Clinton, WA, USA	Wolf Gordon Clifton	UNITED STATES
Brighter Green (USA)	249 Smith Street #128. Brooklyn, NY 11231	Mia MacDonald	UNITED STATES

Principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

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Procedure for obtaining observer status**International non-governmental organizations having status with FAO and/or official relations with WHO**

18. Observer status shall be accorded to those INGOs in consultative status, specialized consultative status or liaison status with FAO or INGOs having official relations with WHO that inform the Secretary of the CAC of their desire to participate in the work of the Commission and/or any or all of the Commission's subsidiary bodies on a regular basis. They may also request invitations to participate in specific sessions of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies on an ad hoc basis.

International non-governmental organizations neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO

19. Before any form of formal relationship is established with a non-governmental organization, such organization shall supply the Secretary of the Commission with the information outlined in the Annex to these procedures.

20. The Secretary of the Commission will verify the completeness of the information provided by the organization and will also perform an initial assessment of whether the organization appears to meet the requirements indicated in paragraph 16 of these principles. In case of doubt, he or she will consult with the Directors-General of FAO and WHO and may seek further information and clarifications from the organization as appropriate.

21. Upon satisfactory completion of the verification and assessment referred to in the previous paragraph, the Secretary of the Commission will submit the application and all relevant information received from the applicant to the Executive Committee for its advice, pursuant to Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the CAC.

22. The Secretary of the Commission will transmit the application, together with all relevant information received from the applicant and the advice of the Executive Committee, to the Directors-General who will decide whether an organization is to be granted observer status. In case of rejection of an application, a re-application by the same organization shall not normally be considered until two years have elapsed since the Directors-General's decision on the original application.

23. The Secretary of the Commission shall inform each organization of the Directors-General's decision on its application and shall provide a written explanation of the decision in case of rejection.

Relations between International Non-Governmental Organizations holding Observer Status with Codex (added)

24. Observer status at specific meetings will not normally be granted to individual organizations that are members of a larger organization authorized and that intends to represent them at these meetings.