
ASSOCIATION'S STATUTES

1 - A European Association of national agencies in charge of seed and plant material certification is created.

The association is named ESCAA (European Seed Certification Agencies Association).

2 - The role of this European association is :

- to create a leading body for dialogue and exchange between the agencies,
- to reinforce the mutual knowledge about the certification system set up by member countries,
- to strengthen the understanding concerning the implementation of the EU rules,
- to organise an annual meeting of the agencies,
- to ensure the management of the website set up for the contacts between agencies,
- to set up contact with the international organisations involved in the same issues.

3 - Composition of the association

This association is composed of the national agencies or their representatives from EU / EFTA / EEA. Every agency designates a contact and an alternate contact for the association. If no contact is designated, the head of each national agency is considered as contact.

4 - Duration of the association

The duration is unlimited.

5 – Meetings

5.1 - Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting includes all the members of the association and it is held every year in a different country of the EU / EFTA / EEA.

One or more representatives of the agencies can attend the annual general meeting. Guests can attend the annual general meeting : European commission, specialists, ...

One representative of the European commission attends the annual general meeting.

The annual general meeting decides by consensus within association members.

The agenda is set up according to point 7.

The annual general meeting selects from those countries that volunteer to host the annual meeting for the following two years.

5.2 – Other meetings

Other meetings, including other stakeholders, can be held.

6 - Association board

The board is composed of:

- a chairman : representative of the national certification agency which will organise the next annual general meeting,
- a vice chairman : representative of the national certification agency which organised the previous annual general meeting,
- a secretary : representative of the national certification agency who manages the website,

The board is in charge of organising the annual general meeting, proposing changes in the statutes and managing the website with the help of secretary.

7 - Annual general meeting agenda

At the annual general meeting the discussion will concern mainly the following points:

- presentation of the seed certification system of the country which organises the annual general meeting,
- the update of the ESCAA website,
- the exchanges of views on technical questions with the aim to improve the harmonisation of the implementation of the EU rules,
- the selection of the member country which will organise the annual general meeting the following year and the designation of the board,
- the choice of the technical subjects for the following year.