

# European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers

## Statutes for the European association of fishmeal and fish oil producers

### §1: Name

The name of the organisation is: European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers

### §2: Objectives

European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers is a European nongovernmental organisation representing European fishmeal and fish oil producers.

The objectives of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers are:

- To represent and promote the European fishmeal and fish oil industry in the EU
- To assure a pro-active position for the sector in front of the EU Commission, the EU Council and the European Parliament
- To provide accurate information to decision makers
- To organize and coordinate activities within the areas of interest of the European fish meal and fish oil producers
- To distribute relevant national and international legislation to its members
- To cooperate with other associations within its field

### §3: Membership

Full members of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers are producers or national producer's associations in European countries focusing on the production of fishmeal and fish oil.

Associate members of European fishmeal and fish oil producers are companies and organisations within Europe, who are invited to join European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers

Resignation of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers by a member or associate member must be in writing to the Secretariat, and with a notice of 6 months up to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### §4: Membership fees

The Annual General Assembly lays down the annual fees for each of the member categories. Contribution of full members is based on production two years previously.

### §5: Executive Board

An Executive Board governs European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers.

All member states have the right to a seat on the Executive Board. When a national association is member, the place is reserved for the association. When a national association is not a member and more than one producer from the same member state is a member, the producers from the member state must agree on representation. If the producers fail to reach agreement, the seat on the Executive Board will be distributed according to the individual producer's yearly production volume.

Representatives are appointed at the Annual General Assembly. When the appointed representative is not able to participate, the member can appoint a proxy to participate in the meeting.

The Executive Board constitutes itself with a President and a Vice President.

The president may serve a maximum term of 2 consecutive years. The Vice President replaces the President in the following term, unless otherwise agreed.

The Executive Board decides by simple majority.

All issues discussed and all decisions made during meetings of the Executive Board are confirmed in the minutes distributed following the meeting.

#### **§6: Secretariat**

The Executive Board is assisted by a Secretariat.

The Secretariat is hosted by one of the EU-member countries. The Secretariat is led by a director appointed by the board. The director has responsibility for the day-to-day business of the association and may represent European fishmeal and fish oil producers in all matters.

The Secretariat shall act independently and without bias in furthering the objectives of European fishmeal and fish oil producers.

The Secretariat shall arrange all meetings and liaise with the President to produce reports on European fishmeal and fish oil producers' activities.

#### **§7: Annual General Assembly**

The Annual General Assembly is the highest authority of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers.

All full members and associated members have the right of speaking.

The Executive Board calls the General Assembly. The agenda must be distributed to the members no later than one week prior to the date of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly decides in simple majority by voting.

Any member who wishes to bring forward a motion for the General Assembly has to send it to the secretariat no later than four weeks prior to the General Assembly.

All decisions made are recorded in the minutes that are distributed to all members following the General Assembly.

#### **§8: Rights of voting**

Only full members have the right of voting. Each member has one vote.

Any full member can vote by proxy. No member can represent more than one proxy.

#### **§9: Agenda**

The agenda of the Annual General Assembly should always contain these items:

- President report
- Accounts of the past year
- Budget
- Approval of the annual membership fee for the next year
- Executive Board appointment
- Miscellaneous

### §10: Technical Committee

European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers can establish technical committees to cover specific technical projects. Such projects can involve i.e.:

1. Improving the networking between the mechanical and chemical technical staffs in the fish meal and fish oil factories
2. Establishing and maintaining a forum where a number of issues special to the European area can be discussed
3. Arranging visits to factories, laboratories and similar that may be of general interest
4. Acting as executing body in case the Executive Board decides on a project.

The Executive Board appoints members and sets the principles and activities of the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee has no funds of its own as costs related to visits are called for directly in connection with such events.

### §11: Accounts

The financial year of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers follows the calendar year.

The Secretariat prepares European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers accounts that are audited by the Accountants before presentation for the General Assembly.

### §12: Change of articles

The articles of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers can only be adjusted by the General Assembly, providing there is a majority of two thirds of all full members present.

### §13: Dissolution

Should the General Assembly, with a majority of at least two thirds, decide to dissolve European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers this action must be confirmed by an extraordinary General Assembly. This extraordinary General Assembly must be called by the Executive Board not earlier than four weeks after and no later than eight weeks after the General Assembly.

When confirming the dissolution of European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers the extraordinary General Assembly must decide on the use of the funds of European fishmeal and fish oil producers.

Agreed date: 23/9 2021

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