

Utipulp

Group of European Market Wood Pulp Users

RULES OF APPLICATION OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION as adopted by the General Assembly

Article 1 - Registered Office

The registered office will be located

c/o COBELPA
p/a InDUfed
Boulevard de la Plaine, 5 Pleinlaan
1050 Bruxelles - BELGIQUE

Article 2 - Statistics

- no statistics carried out by the Association shall be of such a nature as to allow one member to ascertain the source of the data or to induce a concerted behaviour of the members,
- members may only send out statistics concerning the countries as a whole,
- members may only send out the information necessary for the elaboration of the statistics of the Association,
- the statistics are to be sent to the Association at least on a quarterly basis,
- the Association shall take all necessary measures to protect the confidentiality of the information received from its members.

Members (National Associations) are required :

- (a) to keep the company data confidential, secure and protected against unauthorised access and not to use the data for any other purpose
- (b) to abstain from exchanging aggregated data if at any given moment there are less than three companies participating (zero or negligible inputs must also be excluded when they might cause the disclosure of individual companies' data) or take immediate steps with UTIPULP's secretariat to aggregate country reports to avoid this happening.

Article 3 - Membership

1. It has been agreed that, for the time being, membership shall be confined to Associations predominantly of users of market chemical woodpulp (whether bleached or unbleached, long or short-fibre).
2. It has been agreed that "user companies" should be defined so as to include those which are partially integrated towards pulp as well as those which are at the same time users and producers / sellers of pulp.
3. Persons appointed to the General Assembly will be of the level of head of companies or at least be members of the management of their companies.

The permanent executives of the member associations of the Association may take part in its work upon request.

Article 4 - General Assembly

1. The composition of the General Assembly is as follows :

- National Organisations from :
France, Germany, Italy
and the United Kingdom 4 delegates each
- National Organisations from :
Spain, Portugal, Belgium,
Netherlands and Austria 3 delegates each
- Other countries 2 delegates each

The Chairman is not counted in the delegation of his country.

Article 5 - The Chairman of the Association

- represents the Association,
- convenes the Executive Committee,
- carries out the decisions of the General Assembly,
- opens bank accounts and carries out of all basic banking operations in the name of the Association ("every-day" payments by check or transfer for operations related to the functioning of the Association. Decisions on investments shall be approved by the General Assembly). For transactions, the amount of which exceeds ECU 2 700, the signatures of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are required,
- prepares, organises and convenes the General Assembly in co-operation with the Vice-Chairman,
- draws up the work programme, accounts and provisional budget of the Association for each financial year,
- represents legally the Association both as plaintiff and as defendant,
- has all the powers given by the General Assembly, to achieve the object of the Association.

Article 6 - Secretariat

The task of the Secretary of the Groupement is, among others, to centralise the information and documentation on general features which fall within the purpose of the Groupement; and to ensure the liaison between the members of the different countries. He must also supervise the groups and special committees possibly set up by the Groupement.