



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX

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. Other relevant information received from the applicant organizations will be made available to the Executive Committee in conference room documents.
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 the applicant and the advice of the Executive Committee.
3. This document contains the following applications:

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Annex 1	ECFF	CRD1
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ANNEX 1: ECFF

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

European Chilled Food Federation (ECFF)

Fédération Européenne des Plats Frais Réfrigérés(FEPFR)

- b. Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate

Current Presiding Country and administrative headquarters:

Louis Braillelaan 80, P.O. Box 64, 2700 AB Zoetermeer, The Netherlands

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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

- *Promote the quality and safety of production and distribution of chilled foods*
- *Promoting Best Practice. The production of high quality, safe foods is of prime importance to the success of the chilled food industry. To this end ECFF has prepared the first European [Recommendations for the Production of Prepackaged Chilled Food](#). These guidelines are the backbone of industry self-regulation in Europe and have been distributed widely within the industry and to national and EU authorities.*
- *Represent the industry and its views to European decision makers and regulatory bodies*
- *Coordinate the activities of national chilled food*
- *Liaise with other industry associations, regulatory authorities, research organisations, retailer and consumer groups*

ECFF was established in 1991 (the Constitution is enclosed).

The Chairman is elected on a rotating base.

- 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)

Belgian Ready Meals Association, Avenue des Arts 43, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.
Principal officers: Mr Guy Gallet and Dr Guido Bresseleers

Finnish Chilled Food Industries Association, PL 115, Pasilankatu 2, FIN-00241, Helsinki, Finland. *Principal officer: Mrs Elisa Piesala*

Syndicat National des Fabricants de Plats Préparés Frais, 44 rue d'Alésia, F-75682, Paris Cedex 14, France. *Principal Officer: Mrs Sonia Litman*

Verband der Hersteller kulinarischer Lebensmittel e.V., Reuterstrasse 151, 53113 Bonn. *Principal Officer: Mr Gerhard Weber*

Associaziane Nazionale Produttori Pasta Fresca, Via Battisti 170, I-35121 Padova, Italy. *Principal Officer: Dr Justo Bonetto*

Unione Industriali Pastai Italiani, Via Po 102, 00198 Roma, Italy. Principal Officer: Mr Christiano Laurenza

Algemene Kokswaren en Snackproducenten Vereniging, P.O. Box 64, 2700 AB Zoetermeer, The Netherlands. Principal Officer: Mr Richard van der Kruijk

Asociacion Española de Elaboradores de Platos Refrigerados, Mallorca 286, entl.2a, 08037 Barcelona, Spain. Principal Officer: Mr Augustin Roqué.

Djupfrysningsbyrån, Box 55680, SE-102, 15 Stockholm, Sweden. Principal Officer: Mr Fredrik Strömblad

Swiss Convenience Food Association, Elfenstrasse 19, CH-3000 Bern 16, Switzerland. Principal Officer: Dr Beat Hodler

Chilled Food Association, P.O Box 6434, Kettering, NN15 5XT, United Kingdom. Principal Officer: Ms Kaarin Goodburn MBE.

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

General Assembly.

The secretariat takes care of the organisation and the minutes of the meetings, the correspondence and all general administrative activities.

The technical expertise of ECFF is harnessed through ad hoc working parties who produce advice and specialist report on items of interest to members.

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

Annual membership contributions.

- 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 gathers twice a year. The average attendance is about 70%.

Enclosed the report of the previous meeting.

- h. Relations with other international organizations:

- a. UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any)

No relation.

- b. Other international organizations (document substantive activities)

ECFF works together with Clitravi (Centre de Liaison des Industries Transformatrices de Viandes de L'U.E.) whenever it is possible. Example: identification marking for ready meals based on meat.

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

In several Codex Committees various issues are being discussed which are very important to the European Chilled Food industry. ECFF wants to contribute with its expertise to the further development of the hygienic and nutritional quality of food.

- 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 activities.

- 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.

ECFF would like to participate as an observer in General Subject Committees, i.e. Committee on Food Labelling, Committee on Food Hygiene, Committee on Food Additives and Committee on Contaminants.

- 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.

No previous applications.

- m. Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the international non-governmental organization

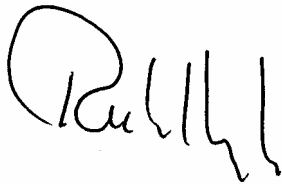
English

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

Richard P. van der Kruijk, Chairman ECFF

P.O. Box 64, 2700 AB Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.

- o. Signature and date



20 July 2010

ANNEX 2: SSAFE

a. Organization Name: Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE)

b. 1030 15th St., NW, Suite 650 West, Washington, DC 20005, USA

Telephone: 479.696.8189, email: info@ssafe-food.org or gades@ssafe-food.org

c. SSAFE's Vision is "To integrate food safety with animal and plant health in order to improve public health and wellbeing".

SSAFE's Mission is "To foster the continuous improvement and global acceptance of internationally recognized food protection systems and standards.

SSAFE was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) organization, not for profit organization in the United States in August, 2006

By Laws and Articles of Incorporation attached.

d. Member Organizations (Headquartered in the USA, Switzerland, France and Brazil)

Cargill, Inc. Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

Danone Paris, France

Keystone Foods (Part of the Marfrig Group, Headquartered in Sao Paulo, Brazil) West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania USA

McDonald's Oak Brook, Illinois USA

Michigan State University

College of Veterinary Medicine

College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

East Lansing, MI USA

Nestle Purina PetCare (Headquartered in Vevey, Switzerland) St. Louis, Missouri USA

Pfizer Animal Health New York, New York USA

The Coca-Cola Company Atlanta, GA USA

Underwriters Laboratories Northbrook, IL USA

Collaborators

CARE USA Atlanta, Georgia USA

Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) Washington, DC USA

Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado

EcoHealth Alliance New York, NY

Ecole nationale vétérinaire d'Alfort Maisons-Alfort Cédex France

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Rome, Italy

International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) Brussels, Belgium

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Bronx, NY

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Paris, France

e. Structure

Member categories

Members (Includes voting rights)- Dues required

- Corporations
- Academic Institutions
- International NGOs

Collaborators (Observers without voting rights)

- Intergovernmental and governmental agencies, academic institutions and professional or trade organizations may be invited to participate in SSAFE activities as observers, without voting privileges. No annual dues are required of collaborators.

f. Governance

SSAFE operates with an advisory council, board of directors, executive committee, officers, and a secretariat. SSAFE activities adhere to all applicable privacy and confidentiality guidelines and antitrust laws and regulations.

Officers

- David Corley, Nestle, President
- Ann Wilkinson, Pfizer, Vice President
- Brain Covington, Keystone Foods, Treasurer
- Neil Marshall, The Coca-Cola Company, Secretary

All funding is from membership dues

g. Meetings are held 3 times per year

h. MOU with OIE

i. Provide an understanding of how CODEX standards can be utilized to develop harmonized standards regarding food safety

j. None

k. Commission

l. Previous application, March 16, 2009. Unsuccessful. Reason: Did not have members with headquarters in at least three countries.

m. Languages: English

n. Information provided by:

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o. Respectfully submitted,



Secretariat, SSAFE

January 3, 2011

Attachments

- MOU with FAO
- Articles of Incorporation
- By Laws

ANNEX 3: EPA**a. Official name of the organisation**

European Association of Polyol Producers (EPA)

b. Full postal address, telephone, facsimile and e-mail, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate

EPA

Avenue des Gaulois 9

1040 Brussels

Tel.: 32/2/736.53.54

Fax: 32/2/732.34.27

e-mail: epa@ecco-eu.com

website : www.polyols-eu.com

c. Aims and subject fields (mandate of the organization, and methods of operation (enclosed by-laws). Date of establishment.

The European Polyol Association (EPA) was established in 1991 to represent the interests of its members at the level of the European Union and other European and international bodies.

Its members are the principal producers of polyols in the European Union. Associate membership is open to non-EU producers.

The by-laws are attached.

d. Member organisations

To date, EPA has the following individual member companies:

<p>Cargill-Europe BVBA Bedrijvenlaan 9 2800 Mechelen Belgium Tel: + 32 (0) 15 400 508 Fax: +32 (0) 15 400 591 URL: www.cargillsweetness.com</p>	<p>Merck KGaA Frankfurter Strasse 250 D – 64293 Darmstadt Germany Tel: +49 6151 72 60 60 Fax: +49 6151 72 20 00 E-mail: service@merck.de URL: www.merck.de</p>
<p>Roquette Frères F – 62136 Lestrem France Tel: +33 3 21 63 36 00 Fax: +33 3 21 63 38 50 E-mail: roquette.jur@wanadoo.fr URL: www.roquette.com</p>	<p>Danisco (UK) Limited 41-51 Brighton Road Redhill UK – Surrey RH1 6YS United Kingdom Tel: +44 1737 773732 Fax: +44 1737 773117 E-mail: sweeteners@danisco.com URL: www.daniscosweeteners.com</p>
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e. Structure

EPA is an association of 6 companies, who produce more than 90 % of all polyols manufactured in the EU. The EPA secretariat is a permanent secretariat that is established in Brussels: the secretariat regularly informs the members about EU and international regulatory affairs affecting polyols (numeroted circular letters), and convenes meetings where members have the opportunity to discuss scientific, technical and regulatory issues of importance for polyols.

f. Indication of funding

The funding comes exclusively from membership contributions.

g. Meetings

EPA members have at minimum two technical meetings a year and one Annual General Meeting, all well attended by one or several representatives of the member companies (please see also the by-laws).

h. Relations with other international organizations

None.

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

EPA intends to contribute to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme mainly through the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and in particular of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) and the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU).

Actually, EPA has an in-depth scientific and technical expertise on polyols used in foods.

Polyols represent a category of 9 food additives¹ that have many technological functions (bulk sweetener, bulking agent, flavour enhancer, humectant, stabiliser, sequestrant, or thickener). All polyols are assigned an ADI not specified. At international level, polyols are included in the Table III of the GSFA "Additives permitted for use in food in general, unless otherwise specified, in accordance with GMP". Due to their low calorific value and their non-cariogenic properties, polyols are often used to produce healthier alternatives to many traditional recipes without compromising on taste or quality.

j. Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

None.

k. Area of activity in which participation as observer is requested

The participation of EPA is requested in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in particular related to:

- the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA),
- the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL),
- the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU).

To the best of our knowledge, there is no other organisation with similar interest.

l. Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Not applicable.

m. Languages in which documentation should be sent to EPA

English.

¹ E 420 (i) Sorbitol, E 420 (ii) Sorbitol syrup, E 421 Mannitol, E 953 Isomalt, E 965 (i) Maltitol, E 965 (ii) Maltitol syrup, E 966 Lactitol, E 967 Xylitol, E 968 Erythritol.

n. Name, function and address of the person providing the information

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o. Signature and date

Maryse Hervé
Secretary General EPA
Brussels, 14 October 2009.