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Agenda Item 7

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

Seventieth Session, WHO Headquarters  
Geneva, Switzerland, 30 June-3 July 2015

### 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.
2. The representatives of the Legal Counsels of FAO and WHO will provide information at the session, on any further research that may be necessary concerning some of the applicants and any conditions to be included in case of acceptance e.g. for reason of double representation.
3. 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.
4. This document contains the following applications (the additional information referenced for the applications will be made available in CRDs at the session):

Annex	Name	Additional information
Annex 1	CIDCE (Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement ; International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law)	CRD1
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## ANNEX 1: CIDCE

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

International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law; Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE)

**(b) Country of the official Seat of the Organization. Kind of Statutes (send copy) - Law governing them.**

CIDCE has its seat in Limoges, France.

CIDCE is an international scientific NGO, established under the French law of 1 July 1901 on associations, and gazetted in the French *Journal Officiel* on 4 August 1982.

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**(c) Scope of activity, aims and subject fields of the organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules, etc.) Specify activities interesting FAO.**

The Statutes of CIDCE, together with a brochure describing the Centre, are enclosed. The membership of CIDCE is made of environmental law experts from around the world, specializing in all areas of environmental law, at both national and international levels, including biodiversity, natural resources and climate change law. CIDCE also comprises environmental law associations.

Drawing on its network of individual and collective members, CIDCE focuses its activities on:

- (i) holding international scientific colloquia and seminars on key topics of environmental law;
- (ii) arranging training sessions in environmental law for government officials, attorneys, judges, post-graduate students, NGO representatives, etc.; and (iii) supporting the development of environmental law through the participation in, and the provision of advice to, conferences and meetings of international IGOs and NGOs.

**Short history, including date of foundation.**

Taking over from the former Centre of Comparative Law Studies of Strasbourg (France), CIDCE was set up in 1982 by Michel PRIEUR (Professor of Law, France), Alexandre Charles KISS (Directeur de recherches, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France) and Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO (Professor of Law and Attorney, Brazil).

CIDCE is hosted by the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Environmental, Urban and Planning Law (CRIDEAU), on the premises of the University of Limoges.

**(d) Member organizations if any (name and address of each 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)**

In addition to individual members, CIDCE comprises several member organizations, including the following: (i) African Society of Environmental Law; (ii) Brazilian Society of Environmental Law; (iii) Czech Association of Environmental Law; (iv) European Association of Environmental Law; (v) Israeli Association of Environmental Law; (vi) Japanese Centre of Environmental Law; (vii) Moroccan Society of Environmental Law; (viii) Portuguese Society of Environmental Law; (ix) North-American Society of Environmental Law; (x) Spanish Association of Environmental Law.

**(e) Permanent structure/Governing bodies (specify if structure is centralized or not; provide information on any establishment or representation of the organization outside the host country).**

The governing bodies of CIDCE are: (i) the *General Assembly* of the entire membership; (ii) the *Executive Board*, made of at least 8 members; and (iii) the *Scientific Steering Committee*, made of members representing the various regions of the world. For details, please see the CIDCE Statutes.

**Officers and representatives (Secretariat and governing bodies): names, nationalities, and title.**

The membership of CIDCE's *Executive Board* is as follows:

*Chairperson:* Michel PRIEUR, Professor Emeritus, University of Limoges; Scientific Director, CRIDEAU; Honorary Dean, Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Limoges; Director, *Revue juridique de l'environnement* (France)

*Vice-Chairpersons:*

- Soukaina BOURAOUI, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law of Tunis II (Tunisia)
- Ibrahim KABOGLU, Professor of Law, University of Marmara, Istanbul (Turkey)
- Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo; Honorary Chairperson of the Brazilian Society of Environmental Law (Brazil)
- Mohamed Ali MEKOUAR, Professor of Law, University of Casablanca (Morocco)
- Mary SANCY, Associate Professor of Law, University of Nantes (Belgium), *Treasurer*.
- Gérard MONÉDIAIRE, Professor of Law, University de Limoges; Director, CRIDEAU (France)

*Secretary-General:*

- Frédéric BOUIN, Professor of Law, University of Perpignan (France)

*Members*

- Stéphane DOUMBE-BILLE, Professor, University of Lyon III; Director, Centre of International Law (Cameroon)
- Takehisa AWAJI, Professor of Law, University of Rikkyo (Japan)
- Mircea DUTU, Professor of Law, University of Bucharest; President, Ecological University, Bucharest (Romania)
- Andrew WAITE, Lawyer; Honorary Chairperson of the European Association of Environmental Law (United Kingdom)
- Jaroslava ZASTEROVA, Chairperson, Czech Association of Environmental Law (Czech Republic)

*Chargée de Mission:*

- Stéphanie BARTKOWIAK, University of Limoges (France)

The membership of CIDCE's *Scientific Steering Committee* is as follows:

- Maryse GRANDBOIS, Honorary Professor, University of Quebec in Montreal (Canada)
- Kheng-Lian KOH, Professor, University of Singapore; Director, Asia-Pacific Centre of Environmental Law (Singapore)
- Ibrahima LY, Professor of Law, University of Dakar (Senegal)
- Mary SANCY, Associate Professor of Law, University of Nantes (Belgium)
- Rafael VALENZUELA FUENZALIDA, Professor of Law, University of Valparaiso (Chile)

**(f) Finances (indicate sources of revenue, and annual budget for present year and past 2-3 years)**

In addition to annual membership fees, the activities of CIDCE are mainly financed through: (i) subsidies and grants from public/academic institutions, including the Regional Council and the University of Limoges; (ii) funding from host countries/institutions for meetings held outside Limoges; (iii) proceeds of yearly publications and subscriptions to quarterly journal. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, CIDCE had an annual budget of € 95694, € 78020 and € 39099, respectively.

**(g) Meetings/Sessions of the governing bodies (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of last meeting, including any resolutions passed)**

The *General Assembly* meets at least once per biennium; the *Executive Board* meets at least once a year; the *Scientific Steering Committee* meets during sessions of the General Assembly.

Meetings may be held in person or virtually. For details, please see the CIDCE Statutes.

The last CIDCE report of activities (2011) is enclosed.

Conferences, symposia and others meetings organized by CIDCE over the years include the following:

- *World Meeting of Environmental Lawyers*, Rio+20 Side Event, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Seminar on Public Participation in Decision-Making on Environmental Regulation*, Limoges, 2011
- *Third Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2011
- *Seminar on Natural Disasters and Human Rights*, Limoges, 2011
- *French-Brazilian Symposium of Environmental Lawyers*, São Paulo, 2011
- *French-Brazilian Symposium of Environmental Lawyers*, Rio de Janeiro, 2011
- *Environmentally Displaced People*, Limoges, 2010
- *Integration of Customs in the Development of Environmental Norms*, Noumea, 2009
- *Natura Legal Networks and the EU Water Framework Directive*, Bucharest, 2009
- *Ecological Disasters and the Law*, Limoges, 2009
- *Ecological Refugees*, Limoges, 2005
- *Historical Monuments*, Limoges, 2003
- *Globalization and Environmental Law*, Rio de Janeiro, 2002
- *Second Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2001
- *Tourism, Ethics, the Environment and Sustainable Development*, Limoges, 2001
- *The European Landscape Convention*, Limoges, 2001
- *Implementation of the Barcelona Convention System, Before and After its Update*, Tunis, 2000
- *Agro-food Industries and the Environment*, Tunis, 1998
- *Contaminated Sites: Legal Aspects*, Limoges, 1994
- *Impact Assessments in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1993
- *Global Forum*, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
- *Global Environment - Coastal Zone Protection*, Tokyo, 1991
- *Global Meeting of Environmental Law Associations*, Limoges, 1990
- *Soil Protection in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1990
- *Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and the Environment*, São Paulo, 1989
- *Transboundary Pollutions in Comparative and International Law*, Montreal, 1988
- *Property Rights and the Environment*, Limoges, 1988
- *Sanctions for Pollution*, Athens, 1988
- *Europe of the Regions and the Environment*, Limoges, 1988
- *Pesticides in Comparative Law*, Porto Alegre, August 1986
- *Development and Prospects of Environment Law in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1986
- *Agriculture and the Environment*, Gainesville, 1984
- *Industrial Wastes and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1984
- *Forests and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1983.

Moreover, CIDCE arranged several training sessions on environmental law in a number of countries, including Belgium, Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, France, Italy, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, USA, and Venezuela.

#### **Publications (indicate frequency and languages)**

##### **- Periodicals**

Besides the quarterly journal *Revue juridique de l'environnement* and the half-yearly journal *Revue Européenne de Droit de l'Environnement* (which was merged with the latter journal in 2010), CIDCE publications include the following:

- *Rio+20*, Limoges, 2012
- *World Meeting of Environmental Lawyers at Rio+20*, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Non-regression in Environment Law*, Brussels, 2012
- *Ecological Disasters and the Law*, Brussels, 2012

- *Legal Instruments for the Implementation of Sustainable Development*, Rio de Janeiro, 2012
- *Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development*, Rio de Janeiro, 2011
- *Limoges Declaration III - Third Global Meeting of Environmental Law Experts and Associations*, Limoges, 2011
- *Environmentally Displaced People*, Limoges, 2010
- *Draft Convention on the International Status of Environmentally Displaced Persons*, Limoges, 2009
- *Limoges Declaration on Environmental and Sustainable Development Law and Policies*, Limoges, 2005
- *Limoges Call on Ecological Refugees*, Limoges, 2005
- *Towards a New Environmental Law?*, Limoges, 2003
- *Globalization and Environmental Law*, Limoges, 2003
- *Limoges Declaration II - Rio Charter+10*, Limoges, 2002
- *Protected Areas in Comparative Law*, Tunis, 2001
- *Agro-food Industries and the Environment*, Tunis, 2001
- *Conventions on Environmental Protection: Secretariats, Conferences of Parties, Expert Committees*, Limoges, 1999
- *20 Years of Nature Protection*, Limoges, 1998
- *Law, Forests and Sustainable Development*, Brussels, 1996
- *Organic Agriculture: A Sustainable Agriculture?*, Limoges, 1996
- *Environmental Law and Sustainable Development*, Limoges, 1994
- *Legal Protection of Soils in the Countries of the European Community*, Limoges, 1993
- *Limoges Declaration - Global Meeting of Environmental Law Associations*, Limoges, 1992
- *Europe of the Regions and the Environment*, Limoges, 1989
- *Transboundary Pollutions in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1989
- *Property Rights and the Environment in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1988
- *Pesticides in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1987
- *Development and Prospects of Environment Law in Comparative Law*, Limoges, 1986
- *Industrial Wastes and the Environment*, Limoges, 1985
- *Forests and the Environment*, Limoges, 1984.

**(h) Relations with other international organizations:**

**- United Nations and UN Specialized Agencies (indicate official status, if any)**

CIDCE has Observer Status with:

- the UNEP-serviced Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, since 2001
- the UNECE-serviced Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, since 2004
- the UNECE-serviced Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, since 2011.

CIDCE was accredited by the United Nations to attend the:

- UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
- World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002
- UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, 2012.
- CIDCE is part of the Major Groups currently involved in the Rio+20 follow-up UN-led activities.

**- Other international organizations**

- CIDCE has Consultative Status with the Council of Europe since 2001
- CIDCE is a member of IUCN since 2004
- CIDCE is since 2010 a member of CIVILSCAPE, an international network of NGOs supporting the European Landscape Convention.

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

In view of the CIDCE expertise in environmental law and health-related issues, the Centre would contribute legal inputs to the efforts made by the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme towards developing standards that are adequate from the perspective of the health of consumers and the quality of the environment, as well as fairness in the associated food trade practices. The Centre would also include Codex standards in its research, training and advocacy work.

**(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, FAO and its programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the FAO Regional Offices and/or the FAO Country Offices)**

- The Chairperson of CIDCE, Michel PRIEUR, authored FAO Legislative Study No. 53 (*Environment Impact Assessments for Sustainable Rural Development*) and served as FAO international legal consultant for the Protected Areas Protocol under the Barcelona Convention, and on mountain legislation
- Paulo Affonso LEME MACHADO, Stéphane DOUMBE-BILLE and Andrew WAITE (members of CIDCE's Executive Board), as well as Maryse GRANDBOIS and Ibrahima LY (members of CIDCE's Scientific Steering Committee) authored legal papers and served as international legal consultants under various FAO projects
- Staff members of FAO, including Dominique ALHERITIRE, Mohamed Ali MEKOUAR and Patrice TALLA, made several contributions to the activities of CIDCE, mainly through meetings and publications.

**Comments and remarks (any additional information)**

Most areas of environmental and natural resources law covered by CIDCE, such as agrofood industries, coastal zone management, forestry, organic agriculture, pesticides, property rights, protected areas, soil conservation, sustainable development, etc. pertain to the mandate of FAO.

**(k) Areas in which the organization intends to cooperate with FAO in future, in support of FAO mandate.**

Attend relevant meetings of FAO and support efforts aimed at enhancing the legal frameworks for environmental and food security and for sustainable development.

**(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.**

To be completed.

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

To be completed.

**(n) This questionnaire has been filled in by:**

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30 January 2013

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

The name of the association is "International Stevia Council".

The acronym is ISC. The association's name is not translated in other languages.

**b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate:**

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Web site: <http://www.internationalsteviacouncil.org>

**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 International Stevia Council's Bylaws (Article 1) state the vision and mission of the association as follows:

Vision Statement:

To be the authoritative voice for the stevia industry in promoting the use of naturally-sourced stevia sweetener products that can improve the diets and health of people globally by addressing sugars and calories in food.

Mission Statement:

## Safety:

- Support stevia as a safe and trusted sweetener
- Be a trusted knowledge partner for regulatory bodies on the science behind the safety of stevia

## Quality:

- Establish and ensure accurate analytical methods for measuring the purity of stevia extracts
- Ensure industry wide access to accurate analytical methods and standards for measuring Steviol Glycosides` content.
- Support sustainable stevia production through responsible cultivation

## Recognition:

- Promote the wide variety of uses for stevia as a sweetener
- Stakeholder education including consumer education on the benefits of stevia.

The Bylaws of the association can be found in Annex 1) of this document.

The association was incorporated on 12 July 2010.

**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)**

The International Stevia Council is comprised of 8 member companies who are either refiners of stevia extracts, users of stevia extracts or growers, producers or suppliers of stevia leaves, as described in Art 3 of the Bylaws.

Current members of the International Stevia Council are (in alphabetical order):

**Cargill, Incorporated**

PO Box 9300  
Minneapolis, MN  
55440-9300  
United States of America

Principal Officer: Mr Scott Fabro

**Ingredion, Incorporated**

5 Westbrook Corporate Center  
Westchester, IL 60154  
708.551.2600  
United States of America

Principal Officer: Mr Larry Fernandes

**Morita Kagaku Kogyo Co., LTD**

2-24, 1-chome,  
Imafukuminami,  
Jyoto-ku, Osaka 536-0003,  
Japan

Principal Officer: Mr Koji Morita

**Nordzucker AG**

Küchenstraße 9  
38100 Braunschweig  
Germany

Principal Officer: Mr Mats Liljestam

**PureCircle Limited**

PT 23419, Lengkok Teknologi, Techpark @ ENSTEK,  
71760 Bandar ENSTEK,  
Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Principal Officer: Mr William Mitchell

**The Real Stevia Company - Granular AB (publ)**

Drottninggatan 68  
111 21 Stockholm  
Sweden

Principal Officer: Mr Carl Horn

**Sweet Green Fields LLC**

11 Bellwether Way  
Unit 305  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
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Principal Officer: Mr Michael Quinn

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Principal Officer: Mr Thomas Ellerichmann



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

The International Stevia Council consists of a General Assembly, a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee. The Council has several Working Groups which are established on the basis of the activities and the projects that the Council wishes to carry out.

- The General Assembly consists of all International Stevia Council members and meets at least once per year. Each member is entitled to vote at the General Assembly.
- The Council is managed by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the General Assembly for a two-year period. The Board of Directors has full management and administration powers except for those powers reserved to the General Assembly.
- The Executive Committee executes those powers conferred upon it by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Council and of the Executive Director of the association in a consultative capacity.
- The International Stevia Council is managed by permanent staff based in Brussels, Belgium, which is led by an Executive Director.

The International Stevia Council maintains the following Working Committees:

- A Committee on Technical Issues: dealing with regulatory initiatives at Codex level as well as in individual countries such as in the US, the European Union, Canada, New Zealand, India, Thailand, etc as well as issues relating to quality, safety and standardisation of the analytical methods of stevia.
- A Committee on External Affairs: dealing with external communication, membership outreach, internal communication, stakeholders relationship, media relationship, education, etc.
- A Committee for Ingredient Users and one Committee for Leaves Suppliers are in the course of being established to address issues of interest respectively to the users of stevia extracts and to the growers and producers of stevia leaves.

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

The International Stevia Council is funded directly by contributions from the members as provided for in the Bylaws (Article 4).

**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 Committee on Technical Issues meets via conference call at least on a monthly basis and has face to face meetings twice per year, at least. Average attendance to these calls is about 5-6 member representatives.

**h) Relations with other international organizations:**

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

The International Stevia Council has no status with other international organisations. It cooperates at different levels and on different issues with several trade associations and governmental agencies in the food, drink and sweeteners sectors.

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

The International Stevia Council can contribute to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme as the authoritative voice of the global stevia industry with members either based, having production sites in, or forming joint cooperations in many different countries such as from Germany, Sweden, UK, China, Canada, the United States of America and Japan. Given the past role of many ISC members in generating supporting safety data for the safe human consumption of stevia leaf extracts, and the Council's on-going work in establishing a common set of terms and analytical standards for use by the industry, the International Stevia Council is well placed to help inform the Commission in the areas of standard setting and the development of guidelines on the use and quality of stevia leaf extract products.

Furthermore, with the key scientific and analytical expertise of its members at its disposal and the independently managed Stevia Proficiency Testing Program, established by the International Stevia Council, the ISC can act as a key information provider to the work of JECFA on ensuring among other things, the accurate measurement of steviol glycoside quantities and purity levels.

**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)**

Dr. Sidd Purkayastha and Dr. Amy Boileau have attended past Codex meetings and participated in steviol glycoside related regulation reviews during the CCFA meeting in 2011, and Dr. Purkayastha again in 2014.

**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.**

The International Stevia Council would like to participate in the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), for the preparation of standards, guidelines and codes of practice for stevia and steviol glycosides for human consumption.

Furthermore, with the key focus of establishing a Proficiency Testing Program the International Stevia Council can make key contributions to the Joint WHO/FAO Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).

ISC is the only international organization uniquely, representing the interest of steviol glycosides / stevia leaf extract producers and users.

**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.**

Neither the International Stevia Council nor its members have made any previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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

The official language of the association is English.

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

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**o) Signature and date**

Done in Brussels, Belgium on 31 May 2014

Signed by:



Maria Teresa Scardigli, Executive Director

## ANNEX 3: Europatat

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

Europatat, the European Potato Trade Association.

**(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**

Europatat has been established in 1952 and was one of the first European organisations in the agriculture wholesale trade. Europatat's objectives are:

- to improve the commercial and international activities of the potato trade;
- to protect the professional interests and the commercial function on a European and International level;
- to represent the profession in and at all official and international organisations.

As early as in 1956 Europatat established the first Rules and Usages for the Inter European Trade in Potatoes codifying professional usages and instituting a simple and effective procedure for valuation and arbitration, henceforth known under the name RUCIP. Since that time RUCIP has been used for nearly all European transactions.

Europatat is located in Brussels and in its day-to-day work the association keeps regular contact with the services of the European Commission as well as the European Parliament. Besides this, Europatat has received since its establishment the encouragement and support of various official organisations such as the UN-ECE, the FAO or the OECD. Furthermore, Europatat enjoys the day-to-day synergies of a shared office with other EU associations involved in the agri-produce trade.

**(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).**

Initially set up by national organisations to protect the interests of the wholesale potato merchants, its membership is now open to individual companies active in the potato trade. The full list of members is available in the website at the following address:

[http://www.europatat.eu/asp/members/list.asp?cat\\_id=53](http://www.europatat.eu/asp/members/list.asp?cat_id=53)

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

Europatat is an international non profit association according to Belgian law, it is structured around a General Assembly, a Board and six commissions. The Board consists of the association's President, Vice-President and the Treasurer, and is assisted by an Advisory Committee composed of the Chairmen of each of the six

commissions. All Board members are elected for a mandate period of two years. At present Europatat has 6 commissions:

- Seed potatoes, chaired by Jan van Hoogen
- Early potatoes, chaired by Giulio Romagnoli
- Ware potatoes, chaired by Ferdi Buffen
- Packers, chaired by Peter Van Steenkiste
- RUCIP, chaired by Eric Bargy
- Technical & Regulatory issues, chaired by Colin Herron

Emerging or specific issues can be tackled through Ad Hoc working groups.

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

Europatat is an international non profit association according to Belgian law. All funding comes from membership fees.

(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.

Europatat celebrates its Assembly General Meeting once a year. Europatat's Board meets two to three times a year, as do the different commission. The latest activity report can be found at:

[http://www.europatat.eu/asp/about\\_europatat/page.asp?doc\\_id=496](http://www.europatat.eu/asp/about_europatat/page.asp?doc_id=496)

**(h) Relations with other international organizations:**

Europatat has received since its establishment the encouragement and support of various official organisations such as the UN-ECE, the FAO or the OECD. Europatat supports the UN-ECE quality standards for early and ware potatoes as a guideline for minimal standards for early and ware potatoes.

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

Based on the technical expertise provided by its members, Europatat expects to contribute in the dossiers that might arise in the work of the joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme. As the Association representing the Potato Trade in Europe, Europatat is in a unique position to gather and provide valuable information and useful feedback to the Programme.

**(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).**

Europatat has no history on this, except for the Association's active role in the UN/ECE on standardisation of potatoes, fruit and vegetables, where the Secretary General at the time (Mr Romain Cools, currently Secretary General of Belgapom and member of Europatat) attended several meetings in Geneva. Members of Europatat at the national level do have relations and are active in their respective countries.

**(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). Interest in joining as an observer to the work of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.**

**(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.**

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**(o) Signature and date.**

Raquel Izquierdo de Santiago

Europatat Secretary-General

Brussels, 17 December 2014

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**ANNEX 4: EAC**

(a) **Official Name:** East African Community (EAC)

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Fax: +255 27 2504255 – 2504481  
Location: EAC Headquarters Building Arusha  
Web: <http://www.eac.int>

(c) **Mandate of the organization and methods of operations (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures etc.); Date of Establishment**

**Mandate**

Mandate of EAC is provided for in the Treaty Establishing the EAC(attached Copy), The Standardization operations are provided in the EAC regional law “The Standardization , Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (SQMT) Act, 2006” ( copy attached). Members States are obliged to align and approximate their National laws on SQMT matters to this Regional Law mentioned above. Regional Regulations to operationalize the SQMT Act, 2006 are being developed.

**Date of Establishment:**

The Treaty for Establishment of the East African Community was signed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999 and entered in force on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

(d) **Member organizations (Name and address of the main contact points)**

The EAC comprises on the following Countries:

- 1) The Republic of Kenya
- 2) The Republic of Burundi
- 3) The Republic of Uganda
- 4) The Republic of Rwanda
- 5) The United Republic of Tanzania

The National Standardization Bodies which act as Contact Points for Codex are as follows:

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Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road  
Tel: (+254 20), 6005634  
Fax: (+254 20) 6004031  
Email: [info@kebs.org](mailto:info@kebs.org)  
Web: [www.kebs.org](http://www.kebs.org)
- 2) Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN)  
Boulevard de la Tanzanie No 500 -B.P 3535  
Bujumbura, Burundi  
Tel: +257-22221577 / 22221815  
E-mail: [info@bbn.bi](mailto:info@bbn.bi)
- 3) Web: [www.bbn.bi](http://www.bbn.bi) Uganda National Bureau of Standards  
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Plot M217, Nakawa Industrial Area  
Tel: +256 414 286123  
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Web: [www.unbs.go.ug](http://www.unbs.go.ug)

- 4) Rwanda Standards Board  
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Email: [info@rsb.gov.rw](mailto:info@rsb.gov.rw)  
Web: [www.rsb.gov.rw](http://www.rsb.gov.rw)
  
- 5) Tanzania Bureau of Standards  
P O Box 9524, Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA  
Ubungo Area, Morogoro Road / Sam Nujoma Road  
Tel: +255 22 245 0298 | +255 22 245 0206 | +255 22 245 0949  
Fax: +255 22 245 0959  
E-mail: [info@tbs.go.tz](mailto:info@tbs.go.tz)  
Web: [www.tbs.go.tz](http://www.tbs.go.tz)

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

Council of Ministers is a Top Policy organ of East African Community (EAC) and reports to the Summit of Head of States of 5 Partner States. The Council approves and declares East African Standards for uniform adoption in Member states in accordance with East African Community, Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (SQMT), Act, 2006 (also attached). The Council comprises the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of Partner States.

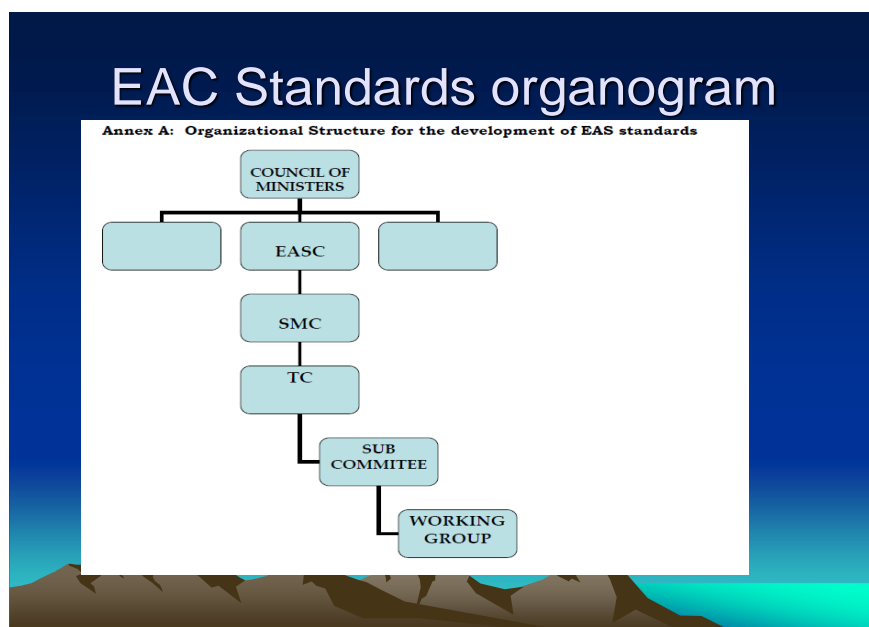
It is assisted by Sectoral Council of Ministers responsible for Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment in matters concerning standards and Trade

EASC= East African Standards Committee is a Sectoral committee responsible for elaboration and approving of EAC standards. Its functions are elaborated in the attached EAC SQMT Act, 2006. It guides the Council of Ministers on policy matters concerning standards programmes implemented in the region.

SMC = A technical Sub Committee for development of EAC standards appointed by EASC to elaborate on standards based on international best practices The sub- committee draws up a standardization programmes for the approval by EASC.

TCs = Sector Technical Committees responsible elaboration of specific sector standards and reports to SMC. They are 80 Sector TCs now functioning.

Sector Sub Committees and Working groups are mainly adhoc experts groups to assist the TCs as subject matter specialists.



**(f) Source of Funding of East African Community:**

The five Partner States have a contribution of 6.7 Million Dollars annually each Partner State. In addition Development Partners like EU, DFDI to mention a few contribute a big chunk of money to the tune of over 50% funding the budget including projects.

**(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 Commissions field of activity**

In the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of East African Standards Committee (a regional organization on standards) held on 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in Arusha, Tanzania, it was resolved that a Regional Codex Forum be formed to address the issues concerning the Food safety in the region.

The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the East African Standards committee (EASC) re-echoed its desire to establish an EAC regional codex forum to coordinate the activities related to Codex Alimentarius Commission's (CAC) decisions in the region.

During the Extra Ordinary meeting of the EASC held 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012, the EASC agreed to establish the EAC Codex Forum as a Sub-Committee of the EASC.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the East African Standards Committee held 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in Arusha approved the EAC Codex Forum procedures, Terms of Reference and officially launched the Forum as a sub-committee of the EASC.

**(h) Relations with other international organizations (FAO, WHO, other UN organizations or other) (Indicate name of organization and type of relation)**

- a) In the area of Standardization EAC has signed MoU with African Regional Standardization Organization (ARSO).
- b) Under Tripartite arrangement EAC has developed a cooperation arrangement with Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC).
- c) FAO supported EAC in development of Terms of Reference, Rules of procedure and Work programme for the EAC Codex Forum.
- d) Codex Trust Fund supported convening of a Codex expert meeting from 26-27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in Nairobi Kenya to deliberate on best way forward to strengthen participation of EAC member countries in Codex work.
- e) EAC is an observer in ISO since 2013
- f) EAC Partner States are also members of OIE, IPPC, WTO, Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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

- 1) Attendance of Codex Commission meetings to advance the policies of EAC in regard to food safety standards in regard to international food trade and safety
- 2) To contribute towards advancement of adoption of Codex standards in the Region
- 3) To coordinate Member States to participate and attend relevant Codex Committee meetings including expert working groups.
- 4) To report to the Commission on the Status of Adoption of Codex Standards as regional Food Standards.
- 5) To monitor and report risk assessment programmes to the Commission.
- 6) To identify regional experts to participate in research and meetings of specific expert groups of Codex

**(j) Past Activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme**

Currently work been done through participation of the EAC Partner States

**(k) Area of Activity in Which Participation as an Observer is requested**

- a. Meetings of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)
- b. Meetings of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)
- c. Activities of the Codex Committees



**(m) Language of correspondence:** English

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**(o) Signature and date**

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