

Requirements for Affiliation with IFOAM

Applicants for Affiliates status must:

- ✓ actively pursue the aims of organic agriculture and the objectives of IFOAM (see IFOAM Statutes, IFOAM Basic Standards, Chapter 1 and the IFOAM mission statement)
- ✓ have been in existence for a minimum period of at least one year .*
- ✓ have at least three people employed or active in the organization.*

Applicants for Member status must

- ✓ qualify as being predominantly organic

Definition:

The activities of an organization are *predominantly organic* if

- ✓ more than 50 % of the turnover/budget is related to organic agriculture OR
- ✓ more than 50 % of the activities/time investment of an organization is related to organic agriculture

'Related to Organic Agriculture' means that the organization is following the objectives of Organic Production, (this includes the range of organic activities, certified and not certified, local, regional and global) or that the activities are positively related to Organic Production (for example Rural development, Fair Trade, etc.).

In the review of the application all aspects of the applicant's activities will be taken into consideration and the application may be rejected based on activities, which are generally counter to IFOAM's objectives.

Among others, these activities include:

- ✓ the use of genetically modified organisms in a manner which threatens the integrity of organic production and processing. This also includes the production of GMOs for such use.
- ✓ the use of agrochemicals in a manner which threatens the integrity of organic production and processing. This also includes the production of agrochemicals for such use.
- ✓ Cruelty to animals
- ✓ Violation of human and labourers rights

Departments of institutions or subsidiaries or similar organisations are assessed on their own merits.

The Head Office shall regularly ask for updated information in regard to the affiliation requirements.

Application Procedure

The applicant is asked to send the completed and signed application form (Annex 1) and questionnaire (Annex 2) along with any supporting documentation to the IFOAM Head Office. For supporters the questionnaire is not required. A registration fee is required for affiliation as a member or associate. The Executive Director will screen the documents and inform the applicant if documents or information are lacking. If the requirements, as defined above, are fulfilled and the registration fee is paid, the Executive Director will make a recommendation to IFOAM's World or Executive Board, which will make the approval decision.

Within the application the applicant shall indicate the character of his/her NON organic activities (if any). This information should enable the EB/WB to distinguish activities,



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which might damage/violate the organic principals as laid down in the IFOAM Basic Standards or the image of IFOAM.

Change of Status

In case the situation of an affiliated associate or supporter has changed significantly, in regard to the requirements mentioned above, the affiliate may apply for changing her/his status. The application procedure, as laid down above, applies. In this instance no registration fee will be required.

* Not applicable for supporters