



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

Statutes of the World Processing Tomato Council

Article 1: Aim

The World Processing Tomato Council is created between its founding members and those who will join later. Its objectives are:

- To create permanent links between professional grower and/or processor organisations, representative of their tomato production and processing area, in order to co-ordinate actions undertaken to safeguard their interests.
- To exchange information publicly available in each member country or association and to make public such information
- To study and recommend to member organisations any action intended to favour fair competition.
- To undertake any action, in agreement with its members, in view to promote the increase in consumption of tomato products.

Article 2: Members

The World Processing Tomato Council is comprised of professional grower and/or processor organisations, representative of their tomato production and processing area that have adhered to the current statutes.

Article 3: Regional distribution

The members will be distributed in three geographical regions:

1. The Mediterranean area, including all the countries bordering the Mediterranean Ocean, and by extension, Portugal and the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe.
2. The Northern America area: USA, Canada and Mexico.
3. All the other countries.

Article 4: Founding members

The following organisations are the founding members of the World Processing Tomato Council:

- AMITOM (Mediterranean Association of the Processing Tomato) for the Mediterranean area, and through it, its 12 member organisations:
 - for Spain: AGRUCON
 - for FRANCE: SONITO
 - for GREECE: PEK
 - for ITALY: AIIPA, ANICAV and CONFCOOPERATIVE
 - for PORTUGAL: AIT
 - for ISRAEL: Tomato Products Board
 - for TUNISIA: GICA
 - for TURKEY: TPEPA
 - for ALGERIA: ACTTI
 - for JORDAN: AMPCO
- CTGA (California Tomato Growers Association – California) for the Northern America area

- CFLP (California League of Food Processors – California) for the Northern America area
- OVGMB (Ontario Vegetable Growers Marketing Board – Canada) for the Northern America area
- OFPA (Ontario Food Processors Association - Canada) for the Northern America area
- APTB (Australian Processing Tomato Board – Australia) for the Other Countries area
- CAFIM (Camara de la Fruta Industrializada de Mendoza – Argentina) for the Other Countries area
- ASFACO (Asociación de Procesadores de Alimentos de Chile - Chile) for the Other Countries area.
- ABIA (Associação Brasileira das Industrias da Alimentação - Brazil) for the Other Countries area.

Each founding member has one Delegate in the World Council.

During the votes this Delegate will have the following number of votes:

- AMITOM - for the Mediterranean area: 10 Votes
- CTGA - California - for the North America area: 5 Votes
- CLFP - California - for the North America area: 5 Votes
- OVGMB-OFPA Canada - for the North America area: 1 Vote
- APTB – Australia – for the Other Countries area: 1 Vote
- CAFIM – Argentina – for the Other Countries area: 1 Vote
- ASFACO - Chile – for the Other Countries area: 1 Vote
- ABIA – Brazil - for the Other Countries area: 1 Vote

Article 5: New members

New members can be admitted within the World Processing Tomato Council. Their admission will be subject to the positive vote of 2/3 of the votes of the Council during an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly. Each new member will have one Delegate at the World Council meetings.

During the votes, the Delegate representing the new member country will have one vote, with an additional vote for each million ton of tomatoes processed annually after the first million ton.

Similarly, when the professionals in a country are represented by several organisations, these organisations will propose a split of the fees which will be submitted to the Council for approval.

Article 6: The World Council meetings

The World Council, which is the General Assembly of the Association, is composed of one Delegate for each member organisation, which during the votes will have all the votes of its organisation.

The World Council obligatory meets once a year in an Ordinary World Council. The President must send notification for the meeting at least 30 days before the meeting. The notification will have to detail all the elements submitted to the vote of the Delegates.

The absent Delegate will have the choice as to either be represented by any person nominated by his Association or to use a postal ballot.

Each Delegate can be accompanied by one or several representatives from his Association and by experts.

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting will include the following items:

- 1) Approbation of the minutes of the last World Council meeting.
- 2) Activity report for the period since the last World Council meeting.
- 3) Financial report for the last financial year and vote of the quietus to the General Secretary.
- 4) Presentation and vote of the budget for the next financial year.
- 5) Report from the Commissions.

- 6) Designation of the composition and the function of the Commissions.
- 7) Admission and/or expulsion of members
- 8) Renewal of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer of the World Council.
- 9) Renewal of the Delegates to the World Council.
- 10) Any issue raised by the members, if they have been submitted in writing to the President before the invitation to the World Council meeting.

An Extraordinary World Council meeting can also take place at any time on notification by the President, or on written request from half of the Delegates. Notification for this meeting shall be addressed in writing to all members of the World Council at least 15 days before the chosen date, and accompanied by a precise agenda and working documents motivating the meeting. This meeting may take the form of a conference call or a written consultation of members.

Each Delegate disposes of all the votes available for its Association and can have two powers for vote by proxy.

Decisions are taken at a majority of 2/3 of the votes of the Delegates who are present or represented, or have voted by postal ballot.

Only those members having paid their membership fees can vote. Those who have not paid will not be able to send a Delegate to the World Council meetings.

Each member Association must confirm each year before the annual meeting the name of its Delegate. The position of Delegate is renewable. Delegates will not be remunerated for participating in the World Council meetings and their travel expenses and representation fees will be paid by the association they represent.

Article 7: The Executive Committee

The World Council elects:

- one President
- two Vice-Presidents
- one Treasurer

The presidency revolves between the three geographical areas. The President is elected for two consecutive years.

The two Vice-Presidents belong to the two geographical areas from which the President does not.

The President, 2 Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and the immediate Past-President will constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has the power to make urgent decisions when a World Council meeting cannot be called. These decisions will have to be ratified at the next World Council meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee will not be remunerated for their role and their travel expenses and representation fees will be paid by the association they represent.

Articles 8: The Commissions

Three commissions are created from the start

- A Commission on the exchange of information
- A Commission on Tomato & Health
- A Commission on the international legislation

The World Council can create other Commissions.

The members of all the Commissions, whose specific functions will be attributed by the World Council, will be designated by the member organisations.

Each Commission will elect a President and can draw up its own regulations.

The President of the World Processing Tomato Council belongs by right to all the Commissions. If he cannot participate in meetings, he can designate a representative to replace him.

The Secretary General will be responsible for the secretariat and the co-ordination of the Commissions, as well as the relations between the Commissions and the outside organisations and between the Commissions.

The Commissions will submit an annual report to the board for approval and a budget proposition for the realisation of their work.

Article 9: The Secretary General

The World Council will designate a Secretary General who will have the responsibility of the daily management of the Association and the authority to carry out the financial management.

The Secretary General has to submit before the beginning of each financial year, a budget for incomes and expenses; to execute it after approval; and to report on the financial management at the end of the financial year. The World Council meeting will give him *quietus* for his management.

Moreover the Secretary General has to prepare the meetings and send out the notifications, to write up the minutes of the meetings of the World Council, to do the World Council book-keeping, to maintain the archives. In addition, the Secretary General will centralise and send out all the information necessary to the activity of the World Processing Tomato Council.

The Secretary General will receive a payment for these activities. The World Processing Tomato Council will pay for his travel and representation expenses.

Article 10: Financing

The budget proposal (incomes and expenses) prepared by the Secretary General with the assistance of the Treasurer will be submitted to the Ordinary World Council meeting for approval.

The income will come from the subscription fees of the members of the World Processing Tomato Council. These fees will be set each year by the World Council meeting.

The fees are set annually for each individual member organisation. They include a set fee and a proportional fee, calculated according to the average tonnage of tomatoes processed by the country during the last three years.

When they are several members in a same country, these member organisations will propose a split of the fees (set and proportional) which will be submitted to the World Council meeting for approval.

When a single member organisation represents several countries, this organisation will pay a single set fee and a proportional fee, calculated according to the total tonnage of tomatoes processed by its members.

The Association may also receive other resources linked to its activity, and notably:

- grants and public or private donations.
- reimbursement of expenses made for other organisations.
- public or private contributions for any general task (collective research, promotion, etc.).
- organisation of congresses or other meetings.

The Commissions, defined in the statutes or to be created later, will have to draw up a budget for their expenses, which will be submitted to the World Council for approval. These specific expenses will be defined as fixed and proportional by the World Council action per action.

An auditor will be nominated each year by the World Council and will have to report to the Treasurer of its findings.

The financial year starts on 1st January and ends on 31st December.

Article 11: Miscellaneous

The World Processing Tomato Council will have a duration of 99 years from the date of its creation.

The World Processing Tomato Council will be headquartered at Maison de l'Agriculture, Site Agroparc, TSA 48449, 84912 Avignon Cedex 9, France.

The working language will be English.

The World Processing Tomato Council forbids itself of any involvement in political activities and will strictly conform to all national or international legislation on competition.