



## EUROPEAN FRANCHISE FEDERATION

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### Extract from the Statutes of the European Franchise Federation (latest amendments 30 November 2010)

#### Title III. The Members of the association

##### Article 6. Categories of Members

The association is composed of members (physical and moral persons) that adhere to the objectives of the association and to the means of accomplishing them.

The association has three categories of members: **FULL, AFFILIATE and SUPPORTING** members.

A **Full** or an **Affiliate** member may only be a national franchise association (a moral person) which is properly constituted under its national legislation.

A **Supporting** member may be either a physical or a moral person.

**Full members ONLY** enjoy the full rights attached to the quality of "member" as guaranteed by the Law of June 21, 1921 on not-for-profit associations as modified by the law of May 2, 2002 on not-for-profit associations, not-for-profit international associations and foundations. These include a deliberating voice (vote) at the General Assembly.

The association comprises at least three Full members.

The founders are the first full members of the association (*see footnote1*).

##### Article 7. Conditions of Admission

###### 7.1 Full Members

May become a Full member, any legally constituted, independent and representative national franchise association established in accordance with the laws and customs of their country of origin from within the European Union **or** a country candidate to the EU **or** a potential candidate to the EU **or** a country lying within the geographical boundary described by the foregoing.

In particular, these conditions must be complied with:

- a) to accept without reservation the Statutes, the Code of Ethics, the rules and regulations of the association
- b) to have as their own members primarily franchise networks comprising the franchisor and its franchisees
- c) to have as a governing body one that is primarily composed of franchisors elected by accredited franchisor members

- d) to have as Chairman of the national association the representative of an accredited franchise network comprised of the franchisor and the franchisees
- e) to operate an accreditation scheme with regular positive checks to ensure that the association's voting franchise network members comply with the principles of the European Code of Ethics for Franchising

## **7.2 Affiliate Member**

May become an Affiliate Member, a national franchise association that, whilst it does not meet the conditions of a Full member, commits to and is demonstrably working towards meeting these conditions.

An Affiliate Member is admitted for an initial term of two (2) years, renewable if necessary.

An Affiliate member or its representative may not be appointed to the Board of the association, vote at the General Assembly or use the EFF's logo.

## **7.3 Supporting Member**

May become a Supporting Member, a physical or moral person who wishes to bring their professional and/or financial support to the association and to contribute to the realization of its objectives.

A Supporting member or its representative, may not be appointed to the Boards of the association, vote at the General Assembly or use the EFF's logo.

## **7.4 Membership to other international franchise organisations**

All EFF members individually recognise the EFF as the sole voice for European franchising with regard to the European Union.

## **Article 8. Liability of Members**

Each category of member is accountable for the payment of its annual dues only. Members are not liable for the obligations or debts of the Federation on their personal assets.

## **Article 9. Procedures of Admission**

The applicant must submit a written request for application to the Secretariat of the association<sup>1</sup>.

The application and its accompanying documentation are examined by the Executive Director who checks that the application file and procedural requirements are complete.

The Executive Board examines the file, prepares its comments and recommendations for the Policy Board. The Policy Board invites the applicant association for further examination after which it prepares its comments and recommendation for the General Assembly.

The General Assembly accepts or rejects the request for membership, and if accepted, determines the category and eventual conditions.

A decision by the General Assembly to admit or refuse a candidate does **not** have to be justified.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: The Secretariat will detail the documents that the applicant must send to the EFF to complete the application file for it to be processed.