

# EUROMETREC

## EUROMETREC RULES (\*)

### NAME - OFFICE

#### **Art. 1.**

EUROMETREC is established as an international, non profit making association called “European Metal Trade and Recycling Federation”, (abbreviated to “EUROMETREC”), with its office in Brussels.

### OBJECTIVES

#### **Art. 2.**

The objectives of the federation are:

1. To study and examine all the commercial, legal, environmental and technical problems concerning the European and International trading, processing, recycling and transport of Non Ferrous Metals by the member associations and their affiliated firms.
2. To recommend all proper measures to ensure the proper representation of the member associations and of the metal trade (and industry).
3. To gather, exchange and disseminate all information relevant to these objectives.
4. To ensure a permanent link between the national member Associations of the European Union member countries.
5. To represent the non-ferrous Metals trading, processing and recycling industry in dealing with European Union authorities and institutions and with private organisations inside or outside the Union.

### MEMBERS

#### **Art. 3.**

The federation consists of the national member associations of the non-ferrous metals trade, processing and recycling industry of the European Union countries. Each country will be represented by one national association; in case of existence of more than one association in one country, a joint delegation must be formed. The federation may decide to invite any potential members to participate as observers in any meeting, work or study.

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\* Formerly “Liaison Committee for Non-Ferrous Metal Trade within the EEC Union

**Art. 4.**

The affiliation of members is subject to the approval of the General Assembly. The annual subscription of each member is fixed and can only be changed by the General Assembly.

**Art. 5.**

The members of the Federation may resign by registered letter addressed to the Secretariat of the Federation giving one year's notice and after having fulfilled the commitments to the Federation.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Art. 6.**

The General Assembly which is constituted by the official delegates of the member associations (four per country including the Board members of EUROMETREC) has full power to achieve the aims and objectives of the federation.

The following items come within the jurisdiction of the General Assembly:

1. Elections of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Director
2. Yearly account and budget of the federation
3. Annual membership dues
4. Approval of the annual management of the federation
5. Approval of admission of new members expulsions of members
6. Approval and modification of the statutes
- 7 Other items put on the agenda

**Art. 7.**

The ordinary General Assembly must be held at least once a year at the beginning of the year no later than 1st April.

Extraordinary meetings may however be called at any time.

General Assemblies are called by the President. If the President is prevented from acting he will be represented by the Vice President. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Assembly may be convened by two members of the Board representing two different countries.

The notice convening a General Assembly must be dispatched at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting including the agenda for the meeting.

The General Assembly elects by ballot the President and the Vice President (representing two different countries and companies) to serve for a period of two years.

The President (or in his absence the Vice President) will chair the meetings of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly will appoint a permanent Executive Director.

**Art. 8.**

The decisions of the General Assembly must be approved by the majority of the delegates present and be communicated to all the member associations and official delegates in due time.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Art. 10.**

The federation is administered by a Board of Directors composed of two representatives from each member association of which one is an effective voting director and one a substitute (one vote per country).

Proposed by the members, the directors are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years; their term of office is renewable.

The Executive Director participates in the work of the Board but without voting rights.

### **Art. 11.**

The Board is chaired by the President and if he is prevented from attending, by the Vice President.

### **Art. 12.**

The Board normally meets at the General Assembly or more often if required. It takes its decisions on a majority vote of the Board Members being present.

The President and Vice President of the Board are also representing their respective countries, and will vote on behalf of their country. If there is no clear decision from the Board the President's vote will be decisive.

### **Art. 13.**

The decisions of the Board are recorded in the minutes, and are communicated and distributed to the member associations and Board members of the Federation.

### **Art. 14.**

The Board is responsible for the management of the Federation in compliance with the decisions of the General Assembly.

Either at his request or the request of the majority of the Board members, the President can be relieved of his position.

The Executive Director is responsible for the execution of the Board's decisions and the management of the administrative business.

### **Art. 15.**

The legal functions of the Federation, except those requiring special powers from the General Assembly or the Board are executed by the President or the Vice President.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Art. 16.**

Committees are to be set-up to study and discuss special projects i.e. VAT, Environment, Public Relations, Finance, Foreign Trade etc. As far as possible each country is to be represented within each committee.

The committees would meet outside plenary meetings but a report would be given to the Board for further examination and decision.

## **BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS**

### **Art. 17.**

The financial year starts on January 1st and ends on 31st December. The Board is required to submit annually the accounts for the past year and the draft budget for the current year for the approval of the General Assembly.

The payment of the subscription is to be made by March 31st of each year at the latest.

## **AMENDMENT OF THE RULES AND DISSOLUTION**

### **Art. 18.**

All proposals to amend the rules or to dissolve the Federation must emanate from the Board or from the majority of the members of the federation.

The Board must advise the members of the federation at least three months in advance of the date of the General Assembly which will deliberate on the said proposal, except in cases of urgency which should be accepted by an extraordinary General meeting as referred to in Article 7.

The General Assembly can only make a decision on such a proposal if it is carried by 2/3 of the members.

The General Assembly will decide the method of dissolution and liquidation of the federation.

## **GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

### **Art. 19.**

All matters not covered by the current rules remain within the competence of the General Assembly.