Membership Vote on IFOAM Norms Version 2014

Including

* The IFOAM Standard for Organic Production and Processing, Version 2.0 &
  * The IFOAM Accreditation Requirements, Version 2.0
Dear IFOAM Members,

In the past 2 years, we have been working on the further development of the IFOAM Standard and the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements. The IFOAM Standard Committee, and the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements Committee, have led this work diligently and collected your inputs, as well as those of other stakeholders, through various rounds of consultations, incorporation of comments and member motions.

IFOAM members gave their final touch to the documents last month by voting on the 2 member motions submitted. The motion on social justice (reference to the minimum wages) was approved with 91% of the votes. The motion on the focus of certification bodies on organic certification was not approved (81% No). Participation in the vote was 15% (89 votes casted).

As a result, we hereby present you with the final version of the IFOAM Standard (incorporating the new requirement on minimum wages) and the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements (as previously circulated) for your final up or down votes. If approved, those norms will become - together with the current version of the Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards - the 2014 version of the IFOAM Norms.

The World Board is looking forward to see if the significant changes in those 2 norms, addressing the requests of the 2011 General Assembly, find your approval. The World Board recommends voting yes to both questions. The vote is open until July 15, 2014.

Andre Leu
President

Markus Arbenz
Executive Director
THE WORLD BOARD’S MOTIONS

With this membership vote, the World Board proposes to approve:

1. the IFOAM Standard for Organic Production and Processing Version 2.0 as part of the IFOAM Norms, superseding the 2012 Version, and

2. the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements for Bodies Certifying Organic Production and Processing Version 2.0 as part of the IFOAM Norms, superseding the 2012 Version.

IFOAM World Board in Bonn: Manjo Smith, Volkert Engelsman, Eva Torremocha, Frank Eyhorn, James Benjamin Cole, Mathew John, Andre Leu, Roberto Ugas, Gabi Soto and Matthew Holmes
Voting question 1:
“Do you agree with the approval of the proposed IFOAM Standard Version 2.0”?  
☐ Yes, I approve  ☐ No, I reject

Voting question 2:
"Do you agree with the approval of the proposed IFOAM Accreditation Requirements Version 2.0”?  
☐ Yes, I approve  ☐ No, I reject

The World Board recommends voting “Yes” to both questions.

Members of the Standard Committee until February 2014

- Andrew Monk
- Brian Baker
- Chayaporn Wattanasiri
- Daniel Neuhoff
- Jan Deane
- Sarah Hathway
- Stephen Barrow
- Tali Berner

Members of the Accreditation Requirements Committee

- Arjon Kalter
- Amaia Aldana Gondra
- Carlos Escobar
- Dilip Dhaker
- Mildred Steidle
- Raymond Yang
- Roberto Setti
Link to Additional Information

- Download the proposed IFOAM Standard for Organic Production and Processing Version 2.0 [here](#).
- Access the details of the process of development of the IFOAM Standard [here](#), including intermediary drafts, consultation results, and motion vote.
- Download the proposed IFOAM Accreditation Requirements for Bodies Certifying Organic Production and Processing Version 2.0 [here](#).
- Access the details of the process of development of the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements [here](#), including intermediary drafts, consultation results, and motion vote.
- View the track changes showing all changes between the 2012 version of the Norms and the proposed 2014 versions: [here](#) for the IFOAM Standard and [here](#) for the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements.
- Read more about the IFOAM OGS [here](#).

Submitting your Vote

Voting is open to IFOAM Members starting June 2, 2014 and ending July 15, 2014. Legal representatives of IFOAM members have received by email a personalized link to SurveyMonkey which allows them to cast their votes. Votes cast by fax, e-mail, regular mail or in person are also valid. In that case, name, Membership ID and a clear indication of your decision on each voting question must be included. Please send your fax to +49 228 926 5099.

Assistance

Questions (both technical or procedural) regarding the IFOAM Standard, the IFOAM Accreditation Requirements, and the process of development of those norms can be submitted to Joelle Katto-Andrighetto at ogs@ifoam.org.

For any question on the submission of your vote, please contact Thomas Cierpka at t.cierpka@ifoam.org.