

in the version as per resolution of the extraordinary General Meeting of 29 September 2021 and the ordinary General Meeting of 2 December 2021.

Article 1 Name and principal place of business of the Association

1. The Association bears the name
Vereinigung der Eier, Wild- und Geflügelwirtschaft e. V.
European Poultry, Egg and Game Association - EPEGA
2. EPEGA has its principal place of business in Berlin and is registered in the register of associations.

Article 2 Business year

The business year is the calendar year.

Article 3 Purpose

1. EPEGA has as its purpose the preservation and promotion of the specialist and professional interests of its members. This includes, in particular
 - a) regular information and advice for members;
 - b) the observation of their common interests with regard to business and the authorities in Germany and in the European Union;
 - c) the promotion of cooperation between members and with third parties.
2. The Association does not pursue any political or religious aims. Neither do the tasks of a commercial enterprise or cartel accrue to it.

Article 4 Membership

1. Membership of the Association can be applied for by:
 - a) all businesses engaged in the game and poultry market and in the market of eggs and egg products in Europe which, regularly buy or sell, import or export game and poultry and eggs and egg products or otherwise deal in it;

- b) natural or legal persons who wish to support the endeavours of the Association as supporting members.
 - c) Associations representing wholesale and foreign trade, the food and foodstuffs industry and the egg, egg products, game and poultry industry.
2. Applications for the admission of individual members or Associations to EPEGA should be made in writing to its office.
3. Membership is voluntary. The Executive Committee decides on admission.
4. Membership ends:
 - a) by voluntary resignation at the end of the business year with a one-year notice period at the end of the calendar year. This notice period also applies in the event of termination of business;
resignation – no matter for what reason – must be notified by registered letter;
 - b) by expulsion on the basis of a resolution of the General Meeting with 4/5 majority of those members present or represented by written proxy.
The expulsion of an individual member or of a member association takes place through a resolution of the General Meeting with 4/5 majority of those members present or represented by written proxy.
Reasons for expulsion include:
 - aa) serious breach of the Statutes;
 - bb) non-payment of contributions despite two reminders.
5. Termination of membership does not affect any commitments already entered into. Rights in the Association's assets expire with termination of membership.

Article 5 Rights and duties of members

1. Members are entitled to request information and advice from the Association in all questions relating to the industry. Such information is provided to the best of the Association's knowledge and entails no commitment.
2. Members undertake to support the Association in carrying out its tasks and to pay the membership contributions resolved upon on request within an appropriate period.

Article 6 Organs

1. Organs of the Association are:
 - a) the General Meeting;
 - b) the Executive Committee.
2. Minutes will be taken of each meeting of the organs. They will be signed by the minute taker and sent to all members of the organ concerned for approval.
3. The members of the Association carry out their activities on an honorary basis.

Article 7 General Meeting

1. The ordinary General Meeting will take place at least once every two years. The Chairman is entitled to call an ordinary General Meeting once per year and an extraordinary General Meeting at his/her discretion. An extraordinary General Meeting must also be called if a minimum of ten percent of members of the Association request it.
2. The General Assembly shall be held either in person or virtually (online procedure) in a chat room accessible only to members with their credentials and a separate personal identification number (PIN).
3. For ordinary General Meetings, members must be issued with a written invitation no later than two weeks in advance together with an agenda. For extraordinary General Meetings, the Chairman of the Executive Committee is entitled to reduce the invitation period.
4. Supporting members are entitled to attend the General Meeting but do not have a vote or active or passive rights of election.
5. Every other member has one vote. Unless otherwise specified in the Statutes, resolutions are adopted by a simple majority of members present and/or voting by proxy. In the event of parity of votes, a second ballot will take place.
6. Proposals for amendment of the Statutes and/or dissolution of the Association can only be brought to a vote if they have been placed on the agenda sent out in advance. Such resolutions require a majority of 3/4 of members present and/or voting by proxy.

7. Other proposals which are not on the agenda previously sent out may only be brought to a vote if 3/4 of the members present are in agreement with such a vote.
8. A General Meeting, if it was properly called, is quorate irrespective of the number of members present.
9. The ordinary General Meeting has the following tasks, in particular:
 - a) adoption of resolutions regarding the annual report and year-end accounts;
 - b) discharge of the Executive Committee and the management;
 - c) election of the Executive Committee and two auditors;
 - d) approval of estimates and setting of contributions.
10. The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Executive Committee or his/her deputy, or, in the absence of both of them, a member of the Executive Committee.
11. Costs for attending the General Meeting are born by each member himself/herself.

Article 8 Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee consists of a maximum of eight (8) members who elect the Chairman and his/her deputy.

The Executive Committee is elected for a period of at least two (2) years in a secret ballot by members present and/or voting by post and remains in office until new elections. Re-election is permitted.

If an Executive Committee member retires during his/her term in office, the remaining Executive Committee members may elect a replacement from the group of members of the Association until the next General Meeting.
2. The Executive Committee adopts resolutions by simple majority of its members present or represented by written proxy.
3. The Executive Committee meetings are chaired by the Chairman or his/her deputy.
4. Executive Committee meetings must be called if the Chairman or his/her deputy or at least two members of the Executive Committee request it.

5. The members of the Executive Committee undertake to maintain secrecy in confidential matters – even after they have retired from the Executive Committee.
6. EPEGA and its affairs are represented by the Chairman of the Executive Committee or his/her deputy, who are also deemed as Executive Committee within the meaning of Article 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB).

Article 9 Committees

1. In order to fulfil its tasks in accordance with Article 4, the Executive Committee may appoint Committees both on its own application and on application from the members.
2. Unanimous resolutions from Committees must be supported by the Executive Committee unless the Executive Committee adopts a resolution to the contrary. In such an event the resolution of the Committee must be presented by the Executive Committee at the next General Meeting for a final decision.
3. The members of the Committees undertake to maintain secrecy in confidential matters – even after they have retired from the Committee.

Article 10 Chief Executive

1. EPEGA may maintain offices. The Chief Executive manages all day-to-day business on behalf of the Executive Committee. He/she is appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Council as a special representative within the meaning of Article 30 of the German Civil Code (BGB).
With regard to the internal relationship, he is bound by the instructions of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
2. The Chief Executive may participate on a non-voting basis in all General Meetings as well as in the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Committees unless the Chairman of the Executive Committee rescinds this right in individual cases for specific reasons.

Article 11 Contributions

1. The level of annual contributions is fixed by the General Meeting. The Executive Committee is entitled to levy provisional annual contributions until such time as they are

fixed by the General Meeting. Contributions are paid for the full year in which membership is acquired or expires.

2. The level of annual contributions of supporting members shall be determined in accordance with an agreement with the Executive Committee.
3. The level of annual contributions of member associations shall be determined in accordance with an agreement with the Executive Committee.

Article 12

Amendments of the Statutes and dissolution

1. Amendment of the Statutes and/or dissolution of EPEGA can only be resolved by the General Meeting in accordance with the voting procedure pursuant to Article 7 Clause 5.
2. On dissolution of EPEGA, the General Meeting at which the dissolution resolution enters into legal effect decides on the use of any existing assets.

