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**1 i-NAF MEMBERSHIP**

1.1 Membership of i-NAF as a Associate (board with invitation) or Full or Association Member shall be by invitation only and subject to the agreement of the Board of Directors and, in accordance with the membership requirements as set out in the i-NAF MoU and any other requirements determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

1.1.0 Associate Members: Members invited by the Board of Directors.

1.1.1 Full Members of i-NAF are the Natural Accreditation Bodies established and operating in the economies of the global that satisfy the definition in 1.2 and that have signed i-NAF MoU.

1.1.2 Association Members of i-NAF are:

1.1.2.1 Organizations intending to become Natural Accreditation Bodies from the economies of the global that do not already have an Natural Accreditation Body established and operating, or Natural Accreditation Bodies from the economies of the global that do not meet the requirements as defined in 1.2 for Natural Accreditation Body Member but have committed to doing so within a reasonable timeframe;

1.1.2.2 National, regional or international organisations representing the interests of a group or groups of those involved in the implementation of programs for certification or similar activities and subscribing to the objectives of i-NAF; or

1.1.2.3 National, regional or international natural organisations representing the interests of a group or groups of those involved in the use of programs for natural certification or similar activities and subscribing to the objectives of i-NAF.

1.1.3 Observer Member: Natural Conformity Assessment Bodies(NCABs) that are accredited or in the process of being accredited by i-NAF's full members, business entities, or other users of natural conformity assessment services in the region, that support the objectives of i-NAF.

1.2 For the purposes of this document, an Natural Accreditation Body is defined as a Natural Body that accredits bodies for the certification of programs, products or similar natural activities.

1.2.1 An Natural Accreditation Body Member is defined as an Natural Accreditation Body that is either a Full Member of i-NAF as indicated in Clause 1.1.1 or an Association Member of i-NAF as indicated in Clause 1.1.2.2.

1.3 Applicants for membership of i-NAF shall only be invited into membership if, in the opinion of Board of Directors:

1.3.1 The applicant has an acceptance or equivalent standing within an economy, region or internationally,



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1.3.2 The structures and activities of the applicant support i-NAF's objective of working together on a regional / international basis to achieve common trade facilitation objectives,

1.3.3 The applicant's programs and their implementation are compatible or in accordance with International Natural Standards and application documents adopted by i-NAF,

1.3.4 The programs that the applicant offers internationally are available in a reasonable way for operation by any other IAF/IHAF/AFRAC/APAC etc. Accreditation Body Member.

## **2 VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 All applications for membership of i-NAF shall be considered by the Natural Accreditation (Executive) Committee and then submitted to members for voting together with a recommendation by the Natural Accreditation (Executive) Committee. Voting will be by a 30 day written ballot.

2.2 To ensure fairness and transparency, members casting a vote against inviting an applicant to become a Natural Accreditation Body Member of i-NAF shall indicate on their ballot paper which of the above criteria, and / or criteria set out in the i-NAF MoU that the applicant has, in their opinion, failed to meet.

2.3 Failure to comply with 2.2 above shall mean that the vote contributes to the quorum, but is thereafter considered void, and not counted.

## **3 TIMEFRAME FOR APPLICATION**

If an application has been inactive for 3 months due to a delay by the applicant in submitting requested information, the application shall lapse. The applicant shall then be informed that a new application will be required, including all missing information, before any further processing will be undertaken.