

## **ASSOCIATION'S STATUTES**

### **1- A European Association of national agencies in charge of seed and plant material certification is created.**

The association is named **ESCAA** (European Seed Certification Agencies Association).

### **2- The role of this European association is:**

- to create a leading body for dialogue and exchange between the agencies,
- to reinforce the mutual knowledge about the certification system set up by member countries,
- to strengthen the harmonisation concerning the implementation of the EU rules,
- to organise an annual meeting of the agencies,
- to ensure the management of the website set up for the contacts between agencies,
- to set up contact with the international organisations involved in the same issues.

### **3 -Composition of the association**

This association is composed of the national agencies or their representatives from EU / EFTA / EEA.

### **4-Duration of the association**

The duration is unlimited.

### **5- Annual general meeting**

The annual general meeting includes all the members of the association and it is held every year in a different country of the EU / EFTA / EEA.

Attend the annual general meeting :

- one or more representatives of the agencies,
- guests : European commission, specialists, ...

The annual general meeting decides by consensus.

The agenda is set up according to point 7.

The annual general meeting selects from those countries that volunteer to host the annual meeting for the two next year.

## **6 Association board**

The board is composed of:

-a chairman: representative of the agency which will organise the next annual general meeting,

-a vice chairman representative of the certification agency which organises the present annual general meeting,

-a secretary of the agency who manages the website,

The board is in charge of organising the annual general meeting and managing the website with the help of secretary.

## **7 Annual general meeting agenda**

At the annual general meeting the discussion will concern mainly the following points:

-presentation of the seed certification system of the country which organizes the annual general meeting,

-the update of the ESCAA website,

-the exchanges of views on technical questions with the aim to improve the harmonisation of the implementation of the EU rules,

-the selection of the member country which will organize the annual general meeting the following year and the designation of the board,

-the choice of the technical subjects for the following year.