

ARTICLE 6 - MEMBERS

The Association is composed of *ex officio* members and ordinary members, and observers.

6.1 – *Ex officio* members.

Ex officio members are:

1. Bureau Veritas SA, with its registered office at 67/71 boulevard du Château, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine,
2. Areva SA, with its registered office at 33 rue Lafayette, 75009 Paris.

6.2 – Ordinary members

To be admitted as an ordinary member of the Association, it is necessary:

- to be a legal entity under private or public law, carrying out an activity related to the Association's object,
- to present a written request to the Association which will be submitted to the Board of Directors deciding by a majority of two-thirds of the Directors present or represented at the meeting, taking place for that purpose and not required to justify any decision to refuse admission,
- to undertake to comply with the provisions of these articles, in particular the payment of subscriptions, and with the provisions of the internal rules and to comply with the decisions of the General Meeting,
- to undertake to take active responsibility and participate in the Association's activities.

The Association is opened to large organisations placing orders in the nuclear industry such as: operators of nuclear facilities, constructors/assemblers, engineering companies/industrial architects and also professional bodies. Equipment suppliers and service providers may be represented by an association or a professional body to the extent that this association or body is representative due to

the number of members it has and after agreement from the Association's Board of Directors deciding by a majority of two-thirds of the Directors present or represented at the meeting taking place for that purpose, with the Board of Directors not required to justify any decision to refuse admission.

Every new member must pay, in its entirety, the current annual subscription at the moment of admission.

In the rest of the text, the term "member", where not otherwise specified, refers equally to *ex officio* and ordinary members.

6.3 – Representatives

Every member will appoint a physical person in charge of representing the member within the Association.

6.4 – Observer status

Any private or public legal entity may obtain the observer status upon written invitation from a member of the Association after addressing to the Association a letter confirming its intention to join the Association, to which it will attach a memorandum of its activities relating to the Association's object in justification of its intention.

The Chairman may, on condition of prior agreement from the Board of Directors, appoint any private or public legal entity which has applied for membership. The Board of Directors will then decide by a majority of two thirds of the Directors present or represented at the meeting held for the purpose, without any need to justify its decision in the event of a refusal.

Any legal entity with observer status may:

1. be invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and general meetings.

2. have access to the Association's documents and to the Results, as defined in article 14, on condition that those documents are not of a confidential nature and are disclosed to an observer which has a strict need to have knowledge of them, to allow it to participate in the Association's works, as described below, on condition of compliance the principles of confidentiality defined in article 14.5 of these articles,
3. be invited to participate in the Association's editorial works, such as the development of a conformity grid for the Reference base to the requirements of the nuclear authorities in the observer's country of origin.
4. participate in debates at meetings to which the observer is invited, without having the right to vote.
5. request the addition to the meeting's agenda of questions of general interest for the Association.

The conferring of observer status does not involve payment by the Association of any subsidy or any material resource with the exception of the documentary resources mentioned in article 6.2.2.

Any legal entity granted observer status is exempted from paying the annual subscription and, in this respect, shall not be considered as a member of the Association in the sense of the provisions of article 6.2.

Observer status will be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of receipt by the Association of written confirmation of membership or the date of nomination by the President. At the end of this period, the Board of Directors may approve the admission of the observer as a member of the Association, should it meet the conditions set out in article 6.2 of these articles.

The observer undertakes to respect the spirit, objectives and principles defined by the Association and to support the Association's works. If such is not the case, the Board of Directors may withdraw observer status. That decision shall not be subject to appeal.

Also, the observer acknowledges that articles 14.1, 14.3 if the observer participates in the preparation of results, articles 14.4 and 14.5 will apply to it. The observer also acknowledges that Results belong exclusively and of right to the Association and undertakes to transfer to the Association the intellectual property rights on the works which it has developed in the context of article 6.4.3 above, namely:

- the right of representation including the right to represent all or part of the works, by any communication process known to the public at this time, by any means and in any form whatsoever and in particular, although this list is not exhaustive, by public recitation, broadcasting, television broadcasting (terrestrial, satellite, cable) or by public representation (representation or projection);
- the right of reproduction including in particular the right to reproduce, in whole or in part, the works in any capacity whatsoever in any way whatsoever, notably on paper, optical or digital media, or any other computer or electronic media known at this time;
- the right of translation, which includes in particular the right to make or have made a partial or complete translation of the works;
- the right of adaptation, which carries authorisation for the Association to re-use, duplicate, adapt, modify or transform, by itself or through the use of a third party of its choice, works in any form and in any way whatsoever, on condition of complying with moral rights.

This transfer of rights is granted for the representation, reproduction, translation and total or partial adaptation of the observer's work on any media of whatever form, linked to the Association's activities, as described in its object in article 3 above, worldwide and for the legal duration of the copyright attaching to the works.

ARTICLE 7 - CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The quality of member of the Association is lost:

- by resignation, sent by registered letter sent with acknowledgment of receipt to the Chairman of the Association. Such a resignation will take effect two (2) months from receipt of this letter, the resigning party being required to pay due and current subscriptions and, more generally, meet all undertakings made to the Association prior to that date.
- following the dissolution or winding-up of the member concerned, for whatever reason.
- by annulment declared by the Chairman of the Association for non-payment of the annual subscription three (3) months after the due date.
- by exclusion ordered by the Board of Directors deciding by a two-thirds majority, in the event of any breach of these articles or the internal rules, for serious misconduct or for any ethics violation. Before any decision to exclude, the Board of Directors shall send a notice to the member concerned detailing the alleged facts to be remedied and inviting said member to present a defence. A member may only be excluded by the Board of Directors if it has not justified or has not remedied its alleged misconduct within thirty (30) calendar days, starting from the date of notice or if the explanations supplied within that time are deemed insufficient by the Board of Directors without it having to justify its decision.

Where it considers it appropriate, the Board of Directors may decide, for the same reasons as those indicated above, on the temporary suspension of a member, rather than its exclusion. This decision involves the loss of member status and of the right to participate in the Association's affairs for the whole duration of the suspension, as determined by the decision of the Board of Directors. If the suspended member holds an elected office, its suspension as a member will also result in the suspension of that mandate.