

Invitation to all IFOAM Members to Vote on Policy for Norms Revisions

Bonn, 3rd of September 2007

On the 3rd of September the IFOAM World Board invited all members (via e-mail or regular postal service) to vote to approve the new Policy for Revision of the IFOAM Norms.

The voting period starts on the 4th of September 2007 at 12:00pm and closes on the 4th of October 2007 at 11:59am (Greenwich Meantime).

If you have not received the invitation to vote please contact Matthias Fecht at m.fecht@ifoam.org

Background

The IFOAM General Assembly in September 2005 approved a motion that “IFOAM shall amend policies 20, 21 and 47 to establish a single procedure to revise the IBS to be consistent, simple, clear, democratic and participatory. The IFOAM World Board shall establish this procedure by October 2006 through the consultation and approval of the membership and subject that procedure to the next General Assembly”

In response to this motion the IFOAM Membership was invited in April to comment on the 1st Draft of the new Policy for Revision of the IFOAM Norms. Taking into account the comments on the first draft the Norms Management Committee developed a final draft of the Policy which is now presented by the World Board for approval by the IFOAM membership. With the approval by the membership, if achieved, the responsibility for future revisions of the Policy will be shifted back to the IFOAM World Board.

The final draft of the Policy can be downloaded here:

http://www.ifoam.org/about_ifoam/standards/OGS_Revision/Norms_Revis_Pol_20070830.pdf

The member comments on the 1st draft of the Policy, as well as the response of the Norms Management Committee to these comments, can be downloaded here:

http://www.ifoam.org/about_ifoam/standards/OGS_Revision/NMC_Resp_Norms_Revis_Pol_20070830.pdf

Further Background Information

The Policy will be accompanied by a new Procedure, which further defines the activities carried out in the context of Revisions of the IFOAM Norms. For your information you can download the latest draft Procedure here:

http://www.ifoam.org/about_ifoam/standards/OGS_Revision/Norms_Revis_Proc_20070830.pdf

For further background information you might also refer to the invitation to comment on the 1st Revision Draft of the Policy which you can download here:

http://www.ifoam.org/about_ifoam/standards/OGS_Revision/Invit_Comm_Norms_Rev_Pol_20070416.pdf