



Results of Voting on the IBS Motions

The turnout in the first-ever electronic voting in IFOAM's history was encouraging, although a little short of the goal of 162 votes necessary for a valid result. 129 IFOAM members voted on the five motions presented to the membership for decision. Almost all of these were cast on the voting website, although six votes were mailed in. Because the number of votes was short of the required 25% of IFOAM's 646 voting members, the "quorum" was not achieved and the IFOAM World Board took the formal decision on the motions. All five motions were approved.

The language in the motions will be incorporated into an amended revision draft of the IFOAM Basic Standards. This draft will be sent to IFOAM members, requesting a "yes" or "no" vote to approve the entire IBS revision draft. Again, the voting will be conducted electronically. Please vote!

Detailed results of the voting on motions:

A) GROLINK and Ekologiska Lantbrukarna (Swedish Ecological Farmers Association) Motion: *Amend second derogation of IBS 4.1.2.*

In their motion Grolink and Ekologiska Lantbrukarna requested to change the text of the second derogation regarding the *use of chemically treated seed and plant material* as in the Final Revision Draft back to the wording as in the current IBS.

Result

	<i>E-ballot</i>	<i>Postal Ballot</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Yes, motion supported</i>	99	5	104	81,25
<i>No, motion not supported</i>	23	1	24	18,75

The WB approved the motion.

B) Naturland Motion: *Amend provision c) and final sentence of IBS 9.5.1*

In its motion, Naturland proposed to change the language of the provision for the amount of non-organic feed that is fed to aquatic animals.

Result

	<i>E-ballot</i>	<i>Postal Ballot</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Yes, motion supported</i>	61	2	63	52,5
<i>No, motion not supported</i>	56	1	57	47,5

The WB approved the motion.

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C) Naturland Motion: *Amend wording of IBS 9.6.3*

In its Motion, Naturland proposed to change the language of the provision for the administration of allopathic veterinary drugs, limiting the prohibition to invertebrates only.

Result

	<i>E-ballot</i>	<i>Postal Ballot</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Yes, motion supported</i>	61	1	62	51,67
<i>No, motion not supported</i>	55	3	58	48,33

The WB approved the motion.

D) International Certification Services (ICS) Motion: *Amend wording and delete second sentence of IBS 9.7.5*

In its motion, ICS proposed to remove the requirement that finfish must be anesthetized before bleeding out.

Result

	<i>E-ballot</i>	<i>Postal Ballot</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Yes, motion supported</i>	86	3	89	72,95
<i>No, motion not supported</i>	30	3	33	27,05

The WB approved the motion

E) GROLINK and Ekologiska Lantbrukarna (Swedish Ecological Farmers Association) Motion: *Delete Chapter 10.*

In their motion GROLINK and Ekologiska Lantbrukarna requested to **delete Chapter 10 "Forestry"** as in the Final Revision Draft.

Result

	<i>E-ballot</i>	<i>Postal Ballot</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Yes, motion supported</i>	68	4	72	58,54
<i>No, motion not supported</i>	49	2	51	41,46

The WB approved the motion.

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