COMITE INTERNATIONAL D'ETUDE DU LAMINAGE À FROID DU FEUILLARD D'ACIER

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1. Name

- 1.1. The Federation is called "Comité International d'Étude du Laminage à Froid du Feuillard d'Acier (CIELFFA)"
- 1.2 The Federation is an association of national associations of the European steel transforming industry.

2. Aims

The aims of the Federation are:

- 2.1. To promote the interests of its members in Europe and on world markets;
- 2.2. To work out common points of view;
- 2.3. To represent and safeguard common interests towards the EU Commission as well as other political and non-political European institutions;
- 2.4. To exchange technical and economic information on their products, the steel industry and the customer industries.
- 2.5. The Federation can also represent its members in scientific and technical organizations which deal directly or indirectly with problems relating to their products.
- 2.6. The Federation shall strictly observe the principle of equal treatment towards its members.
- 2.7. The Federation shall refrain from any activity orientated towards business transactions.

Membership

3.1. The Federation is open to national associations or individual producers of the Steel transforming industry in Europe principally involved in the manufacture of cold rolled narrow strip.

- 3.2. The Presidents' Committee shall decide on the admission of any new member. Refusal shall not be justified.
- 3.3. The members shall engage themselves to pay membership subscription. The details shall be settled in a subscription regulation.

4. Resignation and Expulsion

- 4.1. Membership shall end by resignation or expulsion.
- 4.2. A resignation shall only be possible by the end of a calendar year. The notice of withdrawal has to be received by the Secretariat six months before the end of a calendar year.
- 4.3. Upon the decision of the Presidents' Committee a member may be expelled from the Federation in case it counteracts the aims of the regulations, does not pay its subscriptions or grossly injures the reputation of the Federation.

President

- 5.1. The Federation will be represented by a President.
- 5.2. The President will be elected for three years. He is re-eligible for one more period.
- 5.3. The President
 - shall invite to meetings of the Presidents' Committee
 - shall supervise the execution of the decisions taken by the Presidents' Committee

6. Presidents' Committee

- 6.1. The Presidents' Committee shall be composed of the Presidents of the national associations, the Chairmen of the different CIELFFA Committees and the representatives of individual producers (see also 3.2).
- 6.2. The meetings of the Presidents' Committee shall be held not less than once a year during the first six months of each calendar year. They shall also be held at any time as may be requested by a majority of the members of the Federation.

- 6.4. The Presidents' Committee has especially the following tasks:
 - Election of the President
 - Adoption of the annual accounts as well as fixing of the budget and of the membership fees
 - Appointment of a Secretary
 - The Presidents' Committee is entitled to set up technical and economic committees as well as working groups and to confer specific tasks to them. The committees and working groups members shall elect their respective chairman among themselves.
- 6.5. The decisions shall be taken by voting on a straight majority. The President's vote will count double. Common actions towards the European Commission or other institutions require a qualified majority of two third.
- 6.6. The Presidents' Committee will constitute a quorum when more than a half of its members are either present or represented.
- 6.7 In case a national president cannot attend, his association is entitled to nominate a proxy.

7. Secretariat

- 7.1 A secretariat shall be set up. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Presidents' Committee.
- 7.2 The Secretariat shall carry out the current tasks, in particular:
 - Analyze and circulate to the members of the Federation any document of importance for the implementation of the goals set by the Federation.
 - Collect statistics.
 - Organize the meetings of the Federation.
 - Write the minutes of these meetings.

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