
Dear Members,

We like to inform you with the following.



NOFOTA Annual General Meeting and Dinner 13 April 2023

The Annual Dinner and AGM will be held in the Laurenskerk in Rotterdam on **13 April 2023**.

Members will receive an invitation with registration in January.

Members and/or their guests who are planning to book hotel rooms are to be informed that the Rotterdam Marathon will be held on Sunday 16 April. Hotel room capacity might be limited and it is advised to book early.

Midsummer Trade Event 2023

Due to the successful 2022 Midsummer Trade Event, the Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité) and NOFOTA will organise again this event on **22 June 2023** in Rotterdam. More information will follow.

Council and committee changes

Bram Evers of AAK and Guido van der Hoeven of Cargill will be nominated as new council members.

We also like to inform you that Lucas Dorrestein of Viterro is nominated to be vice president. Formal appointments to be subject to acceptance of the AGM on 13 April 2023.

NOFOTA council, committee members and members thank Hector Maduro for his contribution and commitment in the Contract Committee. Hector Maduro was a representative of the storage companies in the Contract Committee for more than 20 years. Hector Maduro retires from Vopak.

The vacant position will be filled soonest and members will be informed.

Farewell of Hector Maduro with Ron van Noord (Secretary General), Robert van Kempen (Chairman Technical Committee) and Lionel Margaka (Chairman Contract Committee).



New members

STX Commodities B.V.,
Amsterdam, NL

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member

Physical audit fee 2023

The Council, during her September meeting, decided to increase the cost for a physical audit under the recognition scheme to € 550,00 per audit.



Review arbitration workshop

On 15 September NOFOTA, together with Het Comité, organised an arbitration meeting for arbitrators from both associations and for candidate arbitrators. The aim was to update knowledge and to share it with each other. Thanks to our guest speakers: Dorine ten Brink (Ploum), Arnold Hoek (Amica) and Steven Oude Alink and Frank Salome (Van Traa Advocaten), it was a very informative meeting in which the arbitration process, the rules and the do's and don'ts were discussed. A workshop that is certainly worth repeating!

Arbitration deposit 2023

The deposit for arbitrations in first instance will be -for arbitrations starting as from 1 January 2023- increased to € 6.500,00 for members and € 7.600,00 for non-members. In case of appeal arbitrations this will be resp. € 8.650,00 and € 9.600,00.

List of postings

RTR For Customs Services Co., based in Alexandria Egypt is added to [the list of postings](#) as RTR did not fulfilled their obligations under de arbitration award NOF02-22.

The current list of postings can be found on the member section of the website.

Diary dates 2022

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| 17 November | The Royal Dutch Grain Trade Association AGM and Dinner, Rotterdam |
| 24 November | GROFOR Annual Dinner, Hamburg |
| 1 December | FOSFA Oils & Fats Dinner, Tallow Chandlers Hall, London |

Non-business days 2022

26 December Boxing Day (Monday)

Non-business days 2023

7 April Good Friday (Friday)

10 April Easter Monday

27 April King's Day (Thursday)

18 May Ascension Day

29 May Whit-Monday

25 December Christmas Day (Monday)

26 December Boxing Day (Tuesday)

31 December New Year's Eve* (Thursday)

*Half NOFOTA Non-business day as from 12.00 hours Dutch local time

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Best regards,



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