

Dear Members,

Please be informed about the following.

NOFOTA Annual Dinner in the Laurenskerk on Thursday 18 April 2024

Members will receive the invitation for the dinner on **Tuesday 23 January**. Only members are allowed to buy tickets.

The procedure is:

- **Each NOFOTA member-company** can order a maximum of 10 single tickets or 1 table (of each 10 chairs). If more than one member of staff has received this invitation, this maximum still applies to your company.
- The invoice for the tickets will be sent immediately after they have been ordered. The payment period is two weeks.
- You will also immediately receive a link to add the names of your guests and the e-ticket(s) can be downloaded.
- If you would like to order extra tickets or tables you can make a reservation.
- Registration closes on **9 February 2024** or if the maximum number of tickets are ordered.
- The reserved extra tickets/tables will be allocated to the members, basis first comes first served. You will be informed about that as soon as possible.
- Please note that NOFOTA will not cancel tickets after they have been ordered.
- Companies with a very strict IT security can order their tickets via their telephone, without a WIFI connection (with 3G or 4G).



Please note that the dresscode during the dinner is Business Formal.

Update NOFOTA Trading Rules

The NOFOTA Trading Rules have been updated with version of [January 1st, 2024](#). Please note that **only** the criteria for recognised companies have been amended regarding the insurance policy criterium, as follows:

The recognised company shall cover its liability insurance with first class underwriters as appropriate to the services performed.

It must be clear from the liability insurance policy that the recognised company is covered. In case the recognised company falls under a consolidated policy it should be clear from the insurance policy that the recognised company is covered, and that mutual intercompany liability is not ruled out.

Workshop for arbitrators

On 6 February 2024 a workshop is organised together with the Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité) in the VNAB Building in Rotterdam. The workshop is for arbitrators and candidate arbitrators and will focus on new developments in arbitration law. The spoken language will be mainly Dutch.

[Go to the invitation](#)

Dutch imports of PFADs and acid-oils increased in 2023

In the first nine months of 2023, Dutch imports of fatty acid distillates (in particular, Palm Fatty Acid Distillates or PFADs) and acid-oils from refining increased. In the period between January and September 2023, the Netherlands imported 677,000 tonnes of fatty acid distillates, 15 per cent more than the 589,000 tonnes imported in the same period of 2022. For acid-oils, the increase in Dutch imports in the January-September period was considerably less pronounced, 223,000 tonnes in 2023 compared to 218,000 tonnes in the same period in 2022.

For more the full message from Frans Koster (MVO) please check the botton.

[Read more](#)

Non-business days 2024

29 March	Good Friday (Friday)
1 April	Easter Monday
9 May	Ascension Day
20 May	Whit-Monday
24 December	Christmas Eve* (Tuesday)
25 December	Christmas Day (Wednesday)
26 December	Boxing Day (Thursday)
31 December	New Year’s Eve* (Tuesday)

Dates with an * indicate a half non-business day starting 12.00 hrs. noon.

The dates are also available on the website under About us/non-business days.



Events in 2024

February 6	Arbitration Workshop	VNAB, Rotterdam
March 26	MVO Annual Assembly and Networking event	VNO-NCW, Den Haag
April 18	NOFOTA AGM and Dinner	Laurenskerk, Rotterdam
May/June (tba)	NOFOTA/Comité Golf Tournament	Location t.b.n.
June 12-14	EFPR Annual Congress	Amsterdam

June 12-13	FEDIOL General Assembly	Budapest
June 20	NOFOTA/Comité Midsummer Trade Reception	Rotterdam
September 1-6	FOSFA Basic Introductory and Advanced Courses	London
September 10-11	OFI International 2024 and the 3 rd Sustainable Vegetable Oils Conference from CPOPC	Ahoy, Rotterdam
September (tba)	NOFOTA Seminar on Trading Rules	VNAB, Rotterdam
November 7	FOSFA Annual Dinner and AGM	London

If you would like us to send this Circular Letter to your colleagues, please inform us with their name and e-mail address. They will then receive our future correspondence. Please note that NOFOTA's communication goes through a mailing service. It is possible that mails end up in your SPAM mailbox. We therefore advise you to check this mailbox regularly.

Best regards,

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