

TO ALL MEMBERS

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Dear Members,

The year 2013 has almost come to an end. "Time flies" is what we say.

It is now more or less a year ago that NOFOTA moved her office from Rotterdam to Zoetermeer. It has also been about a year ago that the Dutch government announced to close the Product Board's.

Fortunately, the Dutch Oils & Fats sector acknowledged the importance of a chain organisation and thus MVO will continue as a private "chain" association as per 1st January 2014.

MVO will continue to accommodate NOFOTA and other aligned associations such as VERNOF and the European RSPO office.

New member(s) during the year 2013

- VPH B.V. (B-member) per 01-04-2013
- Cagemax Commodities B.V. (B-member) per 01-04-2013
- Hammer & Andersen GmbH (B-member) per 01-04-2013
- Romij Nederland B.V. (B-member) per 01-06-2013
- Oleofill B.V. (C-member) per 01-11-2013
- Signal Europe Ltd (B-member) per 01-11-2013
- Vegetable Oil SA (B-member) per 01-12-2013

Recognition laboratories

There are currently 6 NOFOTA recognized laboratories; (Chemical Laboratory Dr. A. Verwey, Eurofins|LabCo, NofaLab B.V., Oleotest N.V., SGS Nederland B.V./CTS Agri Food Laboratory and T.L.R Technical Laboratory Rotterdam B.V.). The next Proficiency Test is planned for 2014.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee has held her meetings in 2013 on 17 April and 18 October. New members in the A-section of the committee are Mr. Coenradie, Mr. Klunder and Mrs. Lippens. Mr. Flokstra joint the B-section of the Technical Committee, representing the superintendents.

Main topics of these meetings were the (re)audits of recognized companies, procedures and future plans on recognition.

Currently there are no vacancies. The next meeting in 2014 is scheduled for 17 April.

Contract Committee

The Contract Committee gathered on 7 March and 10 October. New member in the committee is Mr. Margaka.

Topics discussed are the revision of the Warrants and Delivery Orders formats. Besides the liability clauses in both the Trading Rules as well as in the Rules for Arbitration have been revised and will be part of the 2014/2015 Trading Rules.

Trading Rules 2014/2015

The new Trading Rules will be available (pdf download) via the website as per 1st January 2014. With our previous circular letter we investigated whether a paper version is still required by the members. Based on that survey we ordered a simple format in a limited edition. If you still want to order, please inform the NOFOTA Secretariat.

Changes to the EU 1 list of Acceptable Previous Cargoes

Early December the Standing Committee of the European Union has voted on the changes of Regulation EU 852/2004 (general hygiene requirements), referring to Commission Directive 96/3 (EU list of acceptable previous cargoes for transport of oils & fats by sea). Most likely Regulation 852/2004 will replace Directive 96/3. The proposals still need to pass the European Parliament and Council. Publication is expected during April/May 2014. Members of NOFOTA will be kept updated on the changes.

Changes import duties oils & fats

As per January 1st 2014 the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) will be revised. Particularly preferential imports for oils & fats and their derivatives, originating in developing countries will show some changes. If you are interested in specific changes, please feel free to contact Frans Köster (+31 79 3634362 / koster@mvo.nl).

Centennial Book

In 2018 NOFOTA will celebrate its 100th anniversary. As a souvenir to this memorable moment NOFOTA will published a book on one hundred years oils & fats trade and industry. The idea is to create a 300-350 page book in which the main facts and figures are embedded in a story built around key persons, companies, moments and issues. The book will describe the history of NOFOTA in close connection with major events and developments in the production and trade of oils, fats and oilseeds, as well as the geopolitical and economic events and trends that influenced these businesses. It will give a picture of relevant developments in technology, arbitration law, communication and many other items. The aim is to produce a historical document, which will be of great interest to our members, their employees and customers.

NOFOTA has asked journalist and historian Dr. Marcel Metze to write the book. Dr. Metze wrote several books like *Running Dutch Shell* (2013), *Anton Philips* (2004) and *Let's make things better* (1997). Without the help of sponsors it will not be possible to create such historical reference book of 100 years oils & fats. Therefore we will contact all members in 2014 to discuss the sponsorship possibilities.

Agenda for meetings and events in 2014

February 27	NOFOTA Council meeting (Zoetermeer)
March 3-4	POC (Kuala Lumpur)
13	MVO AGM and event (Netherlands, place t.b.a.)
April 8-10	MVO Course Food & Feed Safety (Rotterdam)
17	NOFOTA Technical Committee (Zoetermeer)
24	NOFOTA AGM and Annual Dinner (Rotterdam)
May/June	NOFOTA 24 th Golf Tournament (The Netherlands, place t.b.a.)
November 27	GROFOR Dinner (Hamburg)

Non-business days 2014

- 1 January New Years day (Wednesday)
- 18 April Good Friday
- 21 April Easter Monday
- 29 May Ascension Day (Thursday)
- 9 June Whit Monday
- 24 December Christmas Eve (Wednesday)*
- 25 December Christmas Day (Thursday)
- 26 December Boxing Day (Friday)
- 31 December New Years Eve (Wednesday)*

* Non-business day as from 12.00 hrs

*On behalf of the Council we wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous
but above all, healthy 2014!*



Yours faithfully,

NOFOTA

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