

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Arbitrators, held at the Hulstkamp Building, Maaskade 119, on Thursday 18 April 2019, at 17.30 hours.

Present:

S. Oudshoorn, L. Snijders, F.L. ter Voorde, P. Spierenburg, L. Margaka and R. van Noord (Secretary General).

The following members of the Committee of Appointment are present:

A. Keemink and E. Schimmel (acting as Chairman)

1. Opening

The Chairman opens the meeting and welcomes those present.

Mr. Neureiter is absent with notice and therefore Mr. Schimmel will act as chairman.

In the year under review 4 arbitration proceedings were applied for.

1 of them concerned arbitration in the groundnuts division. 1 arbitration was withdrawn before arbitrators commenced their work and 1 arbitration was withdrawn after arbitrators commenced their work. 1 arbitration concerned appeal arbitration, containing also a counterclaim. During 2018, 1 arbitral award was issued. 1 arbitration from 2018 will be awarded in 2019.

The Chairman continues to say that there are some concerns regarding the number of arbitrators. Recently two long-term and experienced arbitrators retired. One of them is Pieter Spierenburg, who is also present at this meeting. The Chairman thanks Mr. Spierenburg for his commitment and valuable contribution in various arbitrations.

The Chairman is triggered by this and says that NOFOTA should proactively look for new arbitrators. One of the actions that will be followed is to investigate the guidelines to become an arbitrator. Another action for the Secretary is to investigate the possibilities to anonymize arbitral awards.

During the recently organized seminar in Het Schielandshuis the same concern was highlighted.

The Chairman added that the seminar was well visited by 32 arbitrators and candidate arbitrators. Lectures were given by Mr. Hoek, Mrs. ten Brink and Mrs. Pautsma. The feedback received by the participants was positive. It is suggested to have such arbitrators seminar regularly organized.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2018

No comments were made and thus the meeting were approved.

3. Election of the Committee of Appointment for 2019

It is suggested to leave the appointment committees unchanged for 2019. The Committee of Appointment for 2019 consist of:

G. Neureiter	(brokers)	Chairman
E. Schimmel	(trade)	member
A. Keemink	(industry)	member
C. Wendt	(meat trade)	member
T. van der Ploeg	(meat trade)	member
P. van Velzen	(groundnut trade)	member

4. Any questions

No questions are raised by the meeting.

5. Closure

The Chairman ends the meeting at 17.40 hours and thanks all present.

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