

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Arbitrators, held on 21 April 2022 at 17.30 hours in the Laurenskerk in Rotterdam.

The following members of the Committee of Appointment are present:
H. Heijstek (Chairman), H. Bolomey and R. van Noord (Secretary)

1. Opening

The Chairman opens the meeting and welcomes those present.

In the year under review 6 arbitration proceedings were applied for. One arbitration was withdrawn and one arbitration included a counterclaim.

Three arbitration proceedings concerned disputes regarding organic products and two arbitration proceedings concerned Used Cooking Oils (UCO's).

During 2021, 3 arbitral awards were issued to the parties and the district court of Rotterdam.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2021

The Chairman refers to the minutes that were sent together with the agenda. No comments were made and thus they are approved.

3. Election of the Committee of Appointment

The Committee of Appointment for 2022 consist of:

H. Heystek	(brokers)	Chairman	
H. Bolomey	(trade)	member	P. van Velzen (groundnut trade)
A. Keemink	(industry)	member	

4. Code of Practice for Arbitrators

The Chairman explains that NOFOTA is going to publish a Code of Practice for Arbitrators. The CoP stipulates amongst others the confidentiality of the content of the arbitrations. Arbitrators and members will be informed via a separate Circular Letter. There are no objections.

5. Revision of the Rules for Arbitration as per 1 February 2022

The Chairman refers to a Circular Letter and the website regarding the revision of the Rules for Arbitration. The Rules have been amended in order to:

- get a more logic course of the procedure;
- get more room for arbitrators to make decisions (for example on postponement requests);
- have explicit space to submit (procedural) documents electronically;
- have explicit possibility of conducting digital meetings and hearings;
- have parties informing their counterparty in all correspondence.

6. Organisation of a seminar for arbitrators

NOFOTA together with the Royal Dutch Grain Trade Association (Het Comité) will organize a seminar for arbitrators on 15 September this year. Arbitrators will receive an invitation soonest. The Chairman emphasizes the importance of having new arbitrators on the list. He asks the Secretary to ask for volunteers with the next newsletter.

7. Any questions

Mr. Schimmel suggests to separate the case studies during the arbitrators seminar for NOFOTA and Het Comité as there are differences. The Secretary will discuss this with the speakers.

Mr. Schimmel also suggests to refer to the CoP in the arbitrators form that arbitrators sign for when accepting the appointment. The Secretary will take the necessary actions.

8. Closure

The Chairman ends the meeting at 17.45 hours and thanks all present.

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