

## **Refiners:**

### Benefits of Membership

By being members of the ISC, companies are able to act as a unified industry voice towards policy makers, regulatory bodies and the media at worldwide level by defending common interests and handling issues raised in the public domain.

Companies will be able to contribute to the vision and mission of the ISC by providing their point of view and expertise at technical and regulatory level, raising issues of interest for debate amongst industry players in order to find possible common solutions and participating directly in any activities and initiatives of the association.

Members will have privileged access to a wide range of industry, regulatory and scientific information on stevia.

The ISC members meet face to face on a regular basis. These meetings provide a good opportunity for working together on common areas of interest as well as for sharing best practices and knowledge.

The ISC members also have the opportunity to meet key stakeholders worldwide during the ISC meetings.

### Sub-categories based on Qualifying Sales

Refiner members shall be sub-divided into Category A, B and C Refiner members based on their annual audited or otherwise verifiable B2B sales of refined stevia with a purity level in accordance with JECFA specifications for steviol glycosides or equivalent approved specifications.

### Voting Rights

The voting rights of the Refiners members are weighted and depend on whether the member is a Category A, B or C Refiner member.

Only Refiner members shall have voting rights on recommendations or decisions relating to any of the following:

- Amendment of the Bylaws;
- Dissolution of the Association;
- The Association's Budget, including its establishment, the envisaged activities and its envisaged fees and costs;
- Election of Refiner members to the Board of Directors, including election of the Association's President, Vice-President and Treasurer; and
- Press statements or any other public comment by the Association.

Refiners members are entitled to exercise 75 % of total voting rights at the General Assembly, Ingredient Users 15 % and Leaf Suppliers 10 % of the total voting rights.

Refiners members are entitled to be elected to the Board of Directors.

### Participation in the ISC Working Committees

ISC has two Working Committees where Refiner member representatives can participate: the External Affairs Committee, which is responsible for external communication/industry promotion/regulatory-governmental affairs, and the Technical Issues Committee, which is responsible for internal quality standards/ the ISC's Stevia Proficiency Testing Program.

### Yearly Membership Dues

The membership dues are established every year by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Board of Directors based on the estimated budget of the Association for the coming year.

Refiner members' annual dues are differentiated to take into account the different categories and voting rights of Refiner members.