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# Article Change Proposals 2019

This document was prepared by the Executive Committee of ISTA and Secretariat of the Association and endorsed by the ISTA Executive Committee to be submitted to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2019 for acceptance by the nominated ISTA Designated Members voting on behalf of their respective Government.

It is submitted to all ISTA Designated Authorities, ISTA Members and ISTA Observer Organisations for information two months prior to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2019.

It will be discussed and voted on at the Ordinary General Meeting 2019, to be held on Thursday, July 02, 2019 in Hyderabad, India, under Agenda point 8 *Consideration and adoption of the proposed changes to the ISTA Articles.*

**Proposal for changes to The Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) (current version adopted by the Ordinary General Meeting on June 14, 2018, hereinafter referred to as “The Articles of ISTA”)**

According to the Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) the following applies:

**Article 4 Governments, Authorities and Members**

a) Government

The word Government shall mean member of the United Nations or its specialised agencies or Distinct Economies as recognised by international fora.

b) Designated Authority

A Designated Authority is an authority designated by a Government to act on its behalf in designating Designated Members and in liaison with the Association.

c) Designated Member

A Designated Member is a Personal Member designated by their Designated Authority and entitled to vote subject to the provisions of Article 12.

d) Member Laboratory

A Member Laboratory is a laboratory engaged in (i) testing or (ii) sampling and testing of seed which supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association.

e) Member Sampling Entity

A Member Sampling Entity is an entity engaged in the sampling of seeds only which supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association.

f) Personal Member

A Personal Member is a person engaged in the science or practice of seed sampling or seed testing or in the technical control of such activities who supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association. A Personal Member may be nominated by a Member Laboratory or a Member Sampling Entity to represent the Member Laboratory or the Member Sampling Entity in the affairs of the Association.

g) Associate Member

An Associate Member is a person who is not a Personal Member, but who supports the Association and its objectives, and is admitted by the Association.

h) Industry Member

An Industry Member is any entity which supports the Association and its objectives, pays an appropriate annual fee to the Association, and is admitted by the Association. The industry membership fee depends on the number of employees.

i) Honorary Life Member

An Honorary Life Member is a person who in the opinion of the Association has made an outstanding contribution to the Association, and has been honoured by election to the status.

j) Accredited Laboratory

An Accredited Laboratory is a member laboratory accredited by the Executive Committee according to the Accreditation Standards approved under Article (15)(c)(15) of these Articles.

k) Accredited Sampling Entity

An Accredited Sampling Entity is a Member Sampling Entity accredited by the Executive Committee according to the Accreditation Standards approved under Article (15)(c)(15) of these Articles.

**Justification for change:**

The industry membership category, previously the corporate membership category, has attracted few members. Currently there are no industry members.

However for ISTA the seed industry remains an important stakeholder. ISTA does and will continue to work with the industry on items of common interest. This is primarily through the International Seed Federation.

The ISTA ECOM is proposing that ISTA no longer offers the ISTA Industry membership category and hence suggests deletion of the Industry membership category from the Articles.

The Article amendment required for this change is:

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