

Statutes of the European Federation of Precision Mechanical and Optical Industries

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§ 1. Name.

European Federation of Precision Mechanical and Optical Industries (abbreviated as EUROM).

§ 2. Object.

The object of EUROM is to represent the joint interests all for the precision mechanical and optical industries and to promote cooperation amongst the members.

§ 3. Membership.

Members of EUROM are the professional organizations which represent the precision mechanical and optical industries in their respective countries, i.e. the organizations of the countries mentioned in the preamble and of those countries which may become members of the E.E.C. at a later date. The presiding committee shall approve the membership and collaboration of similar organizations of other countries with the consent of the general committee.

The modalities of cooperation between EUROM and the organizations of those European countries which are not members of the EEC and also the rights and obligations of "associated members" are stipulated in the regulations approved by the presiding committee on 31st October 1963 (Cf. appendix to these statutes)

§ 4. Organization.

Eurom is composed of :

1. specialist groups, which represent the different branches of the precision mechanical and optical industry,
2. the general committee,
3. the presiding committee.

§ 5 Specialist groups

Further specialist groups shall deal with questions relating to their particular sector. They may submit suggestions in respect of general fundamental questions to the general committee. It is proposed to initially set up specialist groups for the following sectors :

1. Ophthalmic optics,
2. Optical instruments, laser technology, laboratory equipmentm
3. Photographic cinematographic and projection technology,
4. Precision Mechanics,
5. Measuring and control technology,
6. Medical mechanics,
7. Contact lenses and contact lens care.

Further specialist groups may be set up at a later date on the proposal of the presiding committee and with the consent of the general committee.

Each individual specialist groups shall elect a presidents and a maximum of six vice-presidents (all of different nationalities), who shall also be the delegate of these specialist groups in the general committee (Cf. § 6).

These delegates shall be appointed in as follows :

- one delegate for each of the following countries : Germany, France, Italy, United Kingdom.
- and possibly one delegate for each of the following groups of countries :

- a) Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands,
- b) Denmark, Greece and Ireland,
- c) Spain and Portugal.

Any deputies required for the delegates shall be appointed by the specialist groups in the same way.

The specialist groups shall decide at their discretion on their activities, their structure and shall, where necessary, set up sub-committees to be entrusted with special assignments.

§ 6. The general committee

The general committee shall deal with general fundamental questions insofar as these refer to the precision mechanical and optical industries.

The general committee is composed of the members of the presiding committee and the delegates of the specialist groups, with a maximum of seven delegates per specialist group.

Should the general committee deem it expedient, it may admit other persons (including their deputies) to ensure appropriate representation of or the member countries and all associate countries.

The general committee should not comprise more than 40 members and may, where necessary, call in experts.

Furthermore, the directors of the member organizations may also participate in the general committee in an advisory capacity.

The acting president (appointed in accordance with paragraph 7) shall preside over the general committee. In its deliberations, the general committee should aim for unanimity amongst the persons present. Resolutions concerning organizational matters require a two-thirds majority. Any amendments to these statutes requires a unanimous vote by the general committee. Sub-committees may be organized to investigate particular questions.

§ 7. The presiding committee

The presiding committee shall represent EUROM in all matters. It is composed as follows :

- at least one delegate from each member country of the EEC, appointed on the proposal of each national delegation from amongst the members of the general committee ;

-a deputy member appointed according to the same conditions by the delegations of Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom ;

-the founder and honorary presidents of the presiding committee.

Resolutions of the presiding committee shall be passed unanimously.

The presiding committee shall be chaired by one of its members or deputy members proposed by the country concerned in accordance with a rotation principle which rotation principle which is to be effected every two years. This sequence of this rotation is determined by the alphabetical order of the names of the countries in their respective national language, i.e. :

Belgique (Belgie), Danmark, Deutschland, France, Ireland, Italia, Luxemburg, Nederland, United Kingdom.

Should one of the countries considered itself unable to provide the chairman, the next country in alphabetical order shall provide the chairman.

Alphabetical order is determined as stated above.

Should the president be unable to perform the duties of his office for personal reasons before his term as president expires, that person of the same nationalities shall deputize for him until the end of the term of office.

§ 8. Management.

The presiding committee, general committee and specialist groups shall avail themselves of the services of the managements of the member organizations for the execution of routine affairs.

The responsibility for special affairs and for the activities of the specialist groups can be assigned to the management of one the member organizations competence for this special field, in principle that of the president of the specialist group concerned.

§ 9. Convocation.

The specialist groups shall be convened by their respective presidents, whereby the dates of such meetings shall be determined at the meetings or at the requests of the members. Meetings of the general committee and the presiding committee shall be convened by the chairman of the presiding committee in accordance with the same conditions. Invitations shall be issued subject to a minimum of three weeks' notice. Should a change in the chairmanship (presiding committee) or in a similar function be pending, this shall be effective as from the end of the meeting at which it has been decided.