



European Packaged Ice Association

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

*2011 Annual Convention
Barcelona, Spain
9-12 November*



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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Standards Committee Responsibilities

Our Responsibilities are based on both the EPIA'S Purpose and Code of Ethics statements

Purpose of the EPIA

- a) to promote the interests of companies engaged in the production or distribution of ice for public consumption or industrial or scientific use,
- b) to fairly represent the interests of the ice industry to governmental agencies at the local, state and European levels,
- c) to maintain communication and foster understanding between the ice industry and related industries,
- d) to provide information and educational resources that will contribute to business development and economic progress within the ice industry,
- e) to manage and promote quality and safety standards for packaged ice,
- f) to promote cooperation and understanding between packaged ice companies across Europe
- g) to promote the use of packaged ice across Europe. The association is not intended to make profits for itself.



Standards Committee Responsibilities

from the **EPIA Code of Ethics**

- > **EPIA is** not only **committed to a quality product**, the Association is also committed to a correct ethical conduct of its members.
- > **The EPIA assists its members to provide the retailer and consumer with a safe, high quality, consumable food product.**



EPIA BYLAWS, Appendix 3 (from EPIA convention 2009)

It is necessary for food producers to have a HACCP based quality control program for their ice production.

Full membership will be made contingent on having a HACCP based quality control program that is audited by an accredited external auditor.

This could be either a local certification program or a PICQS (Packaged Ice Quality Standards) .

This certification would allow a producer to display the EPIA Logo on one's website or on one's packaging.

Members who are not currently in compliance will have two years (until convention 2011) to come into compliance.



EPIA BYLAWS, Appendix 3 (continued)

The Executive Board will maintain records of the certification on files updated annually. Distributors (those who do not actually make ice, but sell the product) will only purchase ice from companies who have an approved certification and utilized a certified supply and distribution network.

All **founding members will have full membership rights until 2011**. If at that point they are not in compliance, then they will have their rights removed. As of this convention, all companies who are interested in becoming members will be considered associate members until they achieve the certification.

New Members starting as of 23 October 2009 remain an associate (non-voting, cannot utilize the logo) until they are certified. They will have two years to come into compliance.

Goals for 2011:

- 1) Develop a list of members who are current certified by 12/31/2010**
- 2) Final review of the Quality Standards and the rules for compliance**
- 3) Finalize membership rules for EPIA members who do not achieve the Quality certifications**
 - a) How long will they have to become certified before losing membership?**
 - b) What is the process for new members to join who are not able to immediately achieve certification?**
- 4) Send emails to EPIA members every 60 days reminding them of the upcoming Quality requirements in 2010 beginning 1/31/2011**

Goals for 2011:

- 1) Develop a list of members who are currently certified by 31/12/2011**



**Only 9 companies are
in compliance today**



These Producers have a HACCP based quality control program, audited by an accredited external auditor.

CRYSTAL ICE S.A.	Greece
CUBITOS DE HIELO DUERO	Spain
DIE EISWEILT	Germany
HIELOS VALMAR	Spain
I.C.H	Spain
ICE AGE ICE GERMANY	Germany
ICE MAN	Italy
J. MARR Ltd	England
JASS PUNTO GHIACCIO	Italy

Goals for 2011:

**2) Final review of the Quality Standards
and the rules for compliance**

Goals for 2011:

3) Finalize membership rules for EPIA members who do not achieve the Quality certifications

How long will they have to become certified before ????

What is the process for new members to join who are not able to immediately achieve certification?



Goals for 2011:

4) Send emails to EPIA members every 60 days reminding them of the upcoming Quality Standards beginning 31/01/2011.



Much Committee Discussion

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Issues to Consider

- 1 - Should the EPIA continue to require HACCP certification for all ice producer members?**
- 2 - How should the EPIA view HACCP certification in the future?**
- 3 - Should there be two tiers of members? How will that work?**
- 4 - How do we all benefit?**



Please Come to these sessions:

Thursday 10 November 2011

16:00 17:00 Full Membership Discussion and Q&A about HACCP Certification and the membership's feelings about mandatory HACCP Certification

Friday 11 November 2011

9:00 10:00 Discussion and voting on Bylaw Changes, Budgets, etc. Announce new EPIA structure and slide overview of bylaws for membership comment and majority acceptance.

11:00 12:00 HACCP Workshop: Demystify HACCP questions and concerns

14:30 17:00 Standards Committee—Bill Bentley Current committee members and prospective members for 2012 meet and select a 2012 chairman.



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