

CHARTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPRESSED AIR & ALLIED MACHINERY COMMITTEE

1 Name

The name of the Committee shall be the 'International Compressed Air & Allied Machinery Committee' (the ICAAMC) - where the term 'Compressed Air (machinery)' shall refer to air compressors and pneumatic tools and where the term 'allied machinery' shall refer to compressors for gases other than air and rock drills.

2 Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the ICAAMC shall be as follows:

- to increase and improve the information in the public arena with a view to further the application of compressors and/or pneumatic tools and to serve customers in the most optimal way.
- to promote a spirit of co-operation amongst manufacturers of compressors and/or pneumatic tools in such a way that free and legal competition is preserved and to collect and disseminate information of a technical, commercial or legislative nature that would be of value to such manufacturers and their customers.
- To maintain contact with governments and public authorities to ensure that barriers to international trade are avoided; and by active involvement in the production of international standards and directives, in the fields of safety, performance, design, quality, manufacture; and any other such matters which might be to the benefit of actual users of compressors and pneumatic tools, and to the compressor and pneumatic tool industries.
- to co-operate with other national and international organisations having similar aims.
- to support initiatives over information, communication and projects which are perceived to offer value to customers and, by increased cooperation between clients and their suppliers, achieve a higher degree of industrial and commercial awareness, to their mutual benefit.

3 Membership

Membership of the Committee shall be open to all internationally established companies, manufacturing compressors, allied equipment and/or pneumatic tools, which have production facilities in North America and/or Europe and which possess sufficient technical resources and expertise to contribute to the work of the Committee.

Any company wishing to become a member shall be sponsored by at least one sub-committee and should be determined by the Executive Committee as being acceptable for membership.

A company wishing to become a member, but having not been deemed acceptable by the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to put its case to the next Plenary Meeting of the ICAAMC. The Plenary Meeting will make a final decision by a majority of the members present, after having heard the applicant.

Any company resigning must give six months notice in writing and must pay any outstanding moneys applicable to their period of membership.

The Plenary Meeting can decide by a majority of two thirds of the members present to exclude forthwith any member who has broken the rules or acted against the ICAAMC's interests.

4 Executive Committee

An Executive Committee, composed of up to nine permanent members and the current Chairmen of the various sub-committees (automatically co-opted), will prepare proposals to the Plenary Meeting, and will make decisions regarding membership and other matters relevant to the operation of the ICAAMC.

In the case that a permanent member and the Chairman of a Sub-committee originate from the same company, only the most senior representative shall vote.

5 Sub-Committees and Working Groups

Sub-committees may be formed from time to time, as may be determined advantageous by the Plenary Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such Sub-committees shall undertake work of specific interest to their members, and shall set up their own rules of operation, which must be ratified by the Executive Committee. The costs involved in the Sub-committee's work, including secretarial and general expenses, are to be shared amongst the members of that Sub-committee.

Working Groups (Working Parties) may be formed from time to time by Committees/Sub-committees to undertake specific tasks. In their activities they shall operate under Committee/Sub-committee rules and this Charter.

6 Secretariat

The Executive Committee shall appoint an independent secretariat to provide correct and full minutes of all meetings, and supply such other secretarial and administrative services as the ICAAMC may require.

7 Chairman

A Chairman (non-voting) of the ICAAMC (also acting as Chairman of the Executive Committee) shall be appointed by the Plenary Meeting, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, to serve for a period of office to be determined by the Executive Committee.

8 Plenary Meetings

A Plenary Meeting of the ICAAMC will be held in Europe, or North America, or elsewhere, at least once in every year, and will receive a report from the Executive Committee, and short reports from the Chairmen of the Sub-committees, concerning activities since the preceding Plenary Meeting.

Additional Plenary Meetings may be called if felt necessary by at least two thirds of the membership, or at the request of the Executive Committee.

Non-member companies may take part, as observers, at a Plenary Meeting, on one occasion only, on the specific invitation of the Executive Committee. Such invitation does not give rise to any obligation for further participation on the part of the invited company nor on the part of the ICAAMC. If such company shall wish to be a member the normal application procedures shall apply.

Each participating company shall pay its own expenses and a further participation fee, per person, will be levied for attendance at the meeting.

All expenses for other costs, including secretarial and administration costs, shall be shared equally amongst the members.

9 Duration of the ICAAMC

The duration of the ICAAMC shall be unlimited. In the event that a vote of two thirds of the members shall determine that the ICAAMC should be dissolved, members undertake to share equally any outstanding expenses, legally undertaken, or remaining assets of the ICAAMC.