



40th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2018

Amendments to the NAFO Rules of Procedure

STACFAD recommends that:

- Rule 2.7 of the NAFO Rules of Procedure be amended, as follows:

~~The result of a vote taken by e-mail or other electronic means shall be ascertained by the Executive Secretary at the end of a period of at least thirty (30) days after the date of the initial request for the vote and such period shall be made clear in the text of that request.~~

When requesting a vote referred to in Rule 2.6, the Executive Secretary shall advise the Contracting Parties of the closing date to submit a vote. This date shall be at the end of a period of at least 30 days after the initial request for the vote.

- Rule 2.8 of the NAFO Rules of Procedure be amended, as follows:

ba) Contracting Parties shall promptly acknowledge receipt of any request for vote by e-mail or other electronic means. If no acknowledgement is received from any particular Contracting Party within one week of the date of transmittal the Executive Secretary ~~will~~ shall retransmit the request, and ~~will~~ shall use all additional necessary means available to ensure that the request has been received. Confirmation by the Executive Secretary that the request has been received shall be deemed conclusive regarding the inclusion of the Contracting Party in the quorum for the purpose of the relevant vote by e-mail or other electronic means.

ab) If no reply from a Contracting Party, in the case of a vote taken by e-mail or other electronic means, reaches the Secretariat within the period established under 2.7, that Contracting Party would be recorded as having abstained and it shall be considered part of the relevant quorum for voting purposes.

- Insert a new Rule 2.9 in the NAFO Rules of Procedure, as follows:

The Executive Secretary shall communicate the result of a vote taken by e-mail or other electronic means to all Contracting Parties, without delay following the end of the period referred to in Rule 2.7.”

- Rule 3.5 of the NAFO Rules of Procedure be amended, as follows:

The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson when acting as Chairperson, ~~shall not act as a Representative, Alternate Representative, Expert or Adviser of a Contracting Party, shall not vote and another representative of his or her delegation shall exercise this function.~~