

Information for members

# Swiss Medtech Membership Fee Regulations

**The following regulations have been issued based on Art. 4 Para. 2, Art. 7 Para. 1, let. a, Art. 7 Para. 2, let. a and Art. 11 Para. 2, let. f of the Swiss Medtech Statutes, dated 12 June 2017:**

of 12 June 2017, Amendments undertaken on 11 June 2018 & 25 May 2023

Please note that in case of legal dispute, the official German version of this document is legally binding and shall always prevail.

# I. Full Members

## Art. 1.1 Definition

### **(Statutes, Art. 5)**

Full membership may be granted to companies which are involved in relevant points of contact with medical technology, have a seat in Switzerland or in the Principality of Lichtenstein, and which fall into one or more of the following categories:

- a. Manufacturers;
- b. Importers, vendors or distributors;
- c. Suppliers;
- d. Service providers.

## Art. 1.2 Participation, Voting, and Election Rights

### **(Statutes, Art. 7 Abs. 1)**

#### **Full members:**

- a. receive an invitation to the Association Annual General Assembly and have the right to elect or vote – which may vary according to the contribution category;
- b. may apply to join all of the association's Committees ( Commissions, Sections, and Expert Groups) and, if accepted, are granted one vote each for the passing of resolutions and the election of individuals;
- c. benefit from all privileges related to association membership;
- d. may identify themselves as Swiss Medtech members, in accordance with executive office guidelines

## Art. 1.3 Membership Fees and Number of Votes

Number of employees	Membership fee CHF	Number of votes
1-5	1,000	1
6-10	1,500	1
11-25	2,500	1
26-50	4,500	3
51-100	6,500	3
101-250	12,000	3
251-500	20,000	7
501-1'000	30,000	7
> 1'000	40,000	7

- a. Calculations are based on the number of employees (number of full time 100% positions) per member company. This includes all employees in Switzerland who work for any company belonging (with a share over 50%) to a corporation based in Switzerland. This rule may be waived in justified cases, upon application to Executive Board;
- b. The basic membership fee shall be halved for companies whose medtech sales make up less than 50% of total turnover<sup>1</sup>. If the share of sales in the medical technology sector is less than 15%, the contribution will be reduced to  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>2</sup>. The membership fee is at least CHF 1,000 in each case. Applications for a membership fee reduction are to be directed to Executive Board;
- c. Swiss technology companies may apply for a reduced membership fee for a maximum of seven years following company foundation. This applies for firms which produce their own products (manufacturers). The reduction in fees does not apply to globally active companies that set up branch offices in Switzerland.
- d. Further contributions may be levied for specific activities, depending on a member company's involvement in the Expert Groups or Sections. The resolutions of the individual Expert Groups and Sections are decisive.

<sup>1</sup> Medical products include all products covered by the scope of MepV application (as of 26 May 2021), as well as the European MDR and IVDR.

<sup>2</sup> In force as of 1.1. 2019

## II. Associate Members

### Art. 2.1 Definition

#### **(Statutes, Art. 6)**

Associate membership may be granted to companies, private or public institutions, as well as organisations and bodies, both domestic and abroad, which do not fall into the full membership category.

Associate membership may be extended to, for example, foreign companies (companies without a registered office in Switzerland), associations, interest groups, as well as hospitals and research institutions.

Membership is not designed or intended for individual persons.

### Art. 2.2 Participation, Voting, and Election Rights

#### **(Statutes, Art. 7 Para. 2)**

##### **Associate members:**

- a. receive an invitation to the Association Annual General Assembly, but have no voting or elective rights;
- b. may apply to join all of the association's Committees (Commissions, Sections and Expert Groups) and, if accepted, are granted one vote each for the passing of resolutions and the election of individuals;
- c. benefit from all privileges related to association membership;
- d. may identify themselves as Swiss Medtech members, in accordance with the association's executive office guidelines.

### Art. 2.3 Membership Fees

The membership fee for Associate Members is CHF 3,000.

## III. Admission to the Association

### Art. 3.1 Admission

#### **(Statutes, Art. 8)**

Applications for membership must be sent to the association executive office using the form provided; along with all the required information and supporting documents.

The Executive Board decides at its own discretion on the admission of an applicant, its allocation into a membership category (full or associate member), and the fee category. Justification for a rejection of an application must not be provided.

If necessary, these Executive Board decisions may be overruled at the Annual General Assembly by a simple majority of the votes present.

In the case of admission to the Association during a calendar year, the membership fee will be calculated pro rata from the beginning of the admission quarter.