

Sector committees



IFIA operates a number of Sector Committees, each of which deals with an area of specific product or market interest. IFIA also has three 'horizontal' committees – the Legal, Compliance and Accreditation Committees – which are of direct relevance to all members. All Committees report to the Council. Non-members of IFIA may be invited to participate in the work of a Committee provided they have some interest in the respective sector of business.

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*f*ood
*c*onsumer and industrial products
*t*rade security
*g*overnment services
*i*ndustrial services
*m*etals and minerals
*p*etroleum
*s*ystems certification
*l*egal
*c*ompliance
*a*ccreditation

Administration

IFIA is a non-profit making organisation and is governed by a Council, which is elected or appointed by its members. Council members are appointed or elected for a term of three years, and may be re-appointed or re-elected. The Council elects the President for a renewable two year term. Administration is provided by a Director General, a Deputy Director General and a part time Company Secretary.

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International Federation of Inspection Agencies



About us



Founded in 1982, IFIA – the International Federation of Inspection Agencies – is the trade association for inspection agencies and other organisations that provide inspection, testing and certification services, internationally. IFIA currently represents around 40 of the world's leading international testing, inspection and certification bodies who have between them over 160,000 employees.

IFIA aims to improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members for the benefit of both them and their stakeholders. For example, IFIA runs the internationally recognised Petroleum Inspector Certification Programme, in conjunction with the Energy Institute.

Activities and objectives

IFIA members are in the business of reducing risk. In order to achieve this they work with their clients to optimise the quality and safety of a wide range of products, processes and systems across the globe.

IFIA members agree to uphold the highest standards of quality and integrity by applying appropriate technical and professional standards for all aspects of their work, implementing quality assurance programmes throughout their organisations, implementing appropriate methods of technical training and assessment, adhering to all applicable safety conventions and IFIA's guidelines and adhering to IFIA's Compliance Code.

IFIA works closely with governmental and trade bodies in the realisation of its objectives.

IFIA's objectives are:

- To improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members
- To establish legally defensible terms and conditions of business
- To defend the interests of and promote the business of its members
- Global recognition for the sector
- An identity associated with trust and integrity

How to join us

Membership of IFIA is open to testing, inspection and certification companies with international operations that can satisfy the IFIA Council they meet the membership criteria. Companies or other legal entities interested in IFIA membership may apply to the Director General for further information.

Applicants are required to print and complete an application form, which can either be downloaded from our website www.ifia-federation.org or obtained from our Secretariat. The application form should then be mailed to IFIA along with the application fee, which is currently £500.

Discussion with the Director General is strongly recommended prior to making a formal application. All applicants for IFIA membership are required to implement the IFIA Compliance Code, and members' continuing compliance is independently audited on an annual basis.

