
BSiF Rules Of Membership

1. Eligibility for Membership

Any Company, Partnership or Individual actively engaged or involved in the UK occupational safety & health market and having a direct presence within the UK will be eligible.

2. Classification of Membership

2.1 Membership

Any Individual, Partnership or Company eligible for membership as defined above. .

2.2 Affiliate

Any Individual, Partnership, Company or Organisation which cannot join under a Membership Agreement, who otherwise would be eligible for Membership as defined above. (Where, membership is stated elsewhere in this document, it is taken to include "Affiliate")

2.3 Associate Membership

A category of membership which the Federation can extend to other Associations who, in the opinion of the Federation, have a direct interest in Occupational Safety and Health.

2.4 Honorary Membership

The Federation may, at its absolute discretion, bestow Honorary Membership on any Individual, Partnership or Company in recognition of services rendered to Occupational Safety.

3. Acceptance

Acceptance of members shall be at the discretion of the Federation. Membership shall not be unreasonably withheld or withdrawn, unless it can be shown the applicant does not fulfil the criteria or has breached the Conditions of Membership.

4. Conditions of Membership

4.1 Ethical conduct

Members shall conduct their business in an ethical, honest and responsible manner. Such conduct as trading while insolvent, supplying non-compliant or illegal Personal Protective Equipment, making claims for performance of items that cannot be substantiated or achieved, and offering inappropriate safety advice may all be deemed to have breached this clause.

4.1.1 Registered Safety Supplier Scheme:

Scheme members shall adhere to the specific terms and conditions as laid out in the "Scheme Handbook".

4.1.2 Environmental Claims: Code of Conduct

Members are required to adhere to the code of conduct which embraces the Competition and Market Authority's Green Claims Code, and make every reasonable effort to comply. (See Appendix II)

BSiF Rules Of Membership (continued):

4.2 Application

Every applicant for membership of the Federation shall sign and deliver to the Federation a completed application form along with a copy of their latest Profit & Loss statement. Members will be required to submit similar latest Profit & Loss statements every three years while they remain members.

4.3 Membership fees

All members agree to pay all subscriptions membership fees, and other dues levied upon them from time to time as determined by the Federation. Membership Fees are payable prior to membership of the Federation coming into effect. Existing members will receive an invoice at the start of the month prior to their renewal date. No rebates will be made, and changes in circumstances may not be applied retrospectively. The BSIF reserve the right to take further action if invoices remain unpaid.

BSiF Members who are required to participate in the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme (RSSS) agree to pay the applicable fee. Fees are payable prior to participation within the scheme or it coming into effect. Under the scheme, there is a requirement to be audited and actively participate in said audit, in line with the schemes rules. New members will be subject to undergo a full audit within 6 months of joining. Any member that has reached the end of their first year without completing audit requirements without agreed extenuating circumstances, will be invited to leave the federation.

Existing members wishing to change their fee to a lower turnover band must give three calendar months' notice prior to their renewal date and supply a copy of their latest Profit & Loss statement. Failure to give sufficient notice will render the member liable for the following year's fees at their current level.

An invoice which remains unpaid for a period exceeding 3 months will result in the issuing of a final warning to settle the arrears. If payment is not then received, and in the absence of acceptable extenuating circumstances the member will be invited to leave the federation.

Membership will be assumed to continue, one year into the next with the next year's membership invoice sent out at the beginning of the month prior to the renewal date. In order to keep information current a renewal updater form will be sent for completion.

Existing members wishing to terminate their membership must give three calendar months' notice prior to their renewal date or agree to pay 3 months membership in lieu of this notice.

Any member who acquires another BSiF member shall honour and pay the following year's membership of the acquired member as it comes due. In the second year following the year of acquisition, membership fees will be levied for the combined membership at the appropriate level.



BSiF Rules Of Membership (continued):

- 4.4 Termination of membership by the Federation
The Federation reserves the right to terminate any membership, at any time in the event that the rules are not adhered to and any requested corrective actions not carried out within a reasonable time frame.

5 Use of the Federation’s Name and Logo

Members are encouraged to use the BSiF logo on their promotional material, letterheads, websites etc. Rules concerning the use of the logo (supplied separately) must be strictly adhered too.

6 Special Interest Groups

Each member may join appropriate BSiF Special Interest Groups and participate in meetings/receive appropriate information as required.

Please Note that membership of the BSiF Test and Certification Association is restricted to Approved Bodies (as recognised by the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and BSiF members with laboratories approved by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)

Authorised Signature

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Position:	
Date:	

Appendix II Environmental Claims: Code of Conduct



Green Claims Guidelines; in respect of environmental claims for products and services you supply.

1. The claim is accurate and clear for all to understand
2. There's up-to-date, credible evidence to show that the green claim is true
3. The claim clearly tells the whole story of a product or service; or relates to one part of the product or service without misleading people about the other parts or the overall impact on the environment
4. The claim doesn't contain partially correct or incorrect aspects or conditions that apply
5. Where general claims (eco-friendly, green or sustainable for example) are being made, the claim reflects the whole life cycle of the brand, product, business or service and is justified by the evidence
6. If conditions (or caveats) apply to the claim, they're clearly set out and can be understood by all
7. The claim won't mislead customers or other suppliers
8. The claim doesn't exaggerate its positive environmental impact, or contain anything untrue – whether clearly stated or implied
9. Durability or disposability information is clearly explained and labelled
10. The claim doesn't miss out or hide information about the environmental impact that people need to make informed choices
11. Information that really can't fit into the claim can be easily accessed by customers in another way (QR code, website, etc.)
12. Features or benefits that are necessary standard features or legal requirements of that product or service type, aren't claimed as environmental benefits
13. If a comparison is being used, the basis of it is fair and accurate, and is clear for all to understand