

FEDAS Standardization Organization FSO



Become an FSO partner!

By doing so, you will support the development and maintenance of FEDAS product data standards.

And you will benefit from the privileges of an FSO partner.




More efficiency in electronic data interchange

The success of any branch's specific electronic data interchange (EDI) depends to a large degree on whether data relating to articles is clear and can be interpreted unambiguously when it is passed between partners.

This article information includes, among other data elements, the article number, colour, size, product group, country of origin, price in one currency and delivery conditions (Incoterms).

Internationally recognised commercial standards already exist today for some of this information:

Article number = EAN (European Article Number)	
Delivery conditions = Incoterms 2000 (International Chamber of Commerce)	
Currency code = 3-digit band code (e.g. CHF)	
Country of origin = country code (2-digit, e.g. CH, DE, FR)	

No internationally recognized global standard currently exists for such criteria as colour, size and product group.

To ensure efficient communication, it is absolutely necessary to develop a branch standard. This is the only way we can guarantee an efficient article information exchange between the different partners of the branch (manufacturer → wholesaler → retailer). The harmonization of product groups would also allow clear, comparative sale statistics to be obtained. This would give us an MIS (management information system) that could serve as the basis of future sales statistics – from point of manufacture to POS.

By using branch standards, repeated product data entry becomes unnecessary. This saves time, improves data quality and reduces data entry errors.

Benefits at a glance:

One branch standard means

- repeated product database entry is unnecessary
- data entry errors are reduced
- efficient electronic data transfer is possible
- market data is easier to prepare
- key figures regarding operations and the market can be obtained efficiently across regional and national borders

- investment and other costs incurred for the provision and maintenance of individual commercial codes are reduced.

Professionals will update branch standards continuously and match them to the needs of market partners.



Invitation to become an FSO partner

In 1999, on the instructions of FEDAS (the European Federation of Sporting Goods Retail Associations) a task force (FEDAS Standardization Organization FSO) made up of representatives from European sporting goods retailers and international manufacturers started work on the standardization of sporting goods product data. One year later, the FEDAS product group code was produced and made available for online purchase by Internet (www.fedas.com). At present, the product group Code, already successfully applied in several European countries, comprises more than 5000 product groups, being continuously updated and adapted to the needs of the trade and of sporting goods manufacturers. Other standardization projects are on the agenda: a size code and a colour code.

We invite you to become an FSO partner. As an FSO partner, you will promote the development and maintenance of FEDAS product data standards. FSO partners benefit in return from the use, free of charge, of FEDAS product data and updates (individual licence).

FSO partnership can be obtained by joining the FSO Partner Association (head offices at FEDAS, in Bern, Switzerland). Current registration fees and annual subscriptions are set out in the confirmation of membership. Welcome to membership of the FSO Partner Association.

For further information please contact www.fedas.com



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Bylaws

FSO Partner



Name, Registered Office and Purpose

1. An Association has been formed with its registered office in Bern under the name FSO Partner in accordance with art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (ZGB).
2. The purpose of the Association is to promote, develop, maintain, administer and disseminate FEDAS product data standards for sporting goods at a cost covering, non-profit basis. The Association may encumber properties; both acquire and participate in commercial enterprises. The Association conducts business at its head office.

Means

3. The finances for realisation of the Association's purposes consists of:
 - a) Annual fees from active and passive members not exceeding € 400.–.
 - b) An entry fee for active and supporting members not exceeding € 1'400.–.
 - c) Earnings from the development, sales and operation of FEDAS product data standards for sporting goods.
 - d) Contributions of all kinds. Departing members have no claim to the Association's assets.

Membership

4. Sporting goods retail Associations and related branches may become active members. They are eligible to vote and they are licensed to

use the FEDAS product data standards including any updates without further charges.

5. Sustaining members may be natural or legal persons. They have no voting rights. They obtain an individual licence for use of FEDAS product data standards including updates.
6. Active and sustaining members shall observe the copyright of the Association on the product data standards developed. They may be listed as partners on the FEDAS website.
7. The Executive Committee shall decide on admission and category (active or sustaining) of members. The application for membership is to be addressed in writing or by email to the Executive Committee.
8. Members may declare their resignation from the Association in writing or by email to the Executive Committee. A three-month notice period per end of the calendar year is mandatory. Regarding the exclusion of a member the Executive Committee alone may make this decision after granting the corresponding member the opportunity to comment within ten days in writing or by email on the question of exclusion. Exclusion can be executed without stating the grounds.
9. Personal liability of members is excluded. Association assets exclusively shall be used for any liabilities of the Association.

Governing Bodies

10. The governing bodies of the Association are:
 - a) The General Assembly
 - b) The Executive Committee

General Assembly

11. The General Assembly comprises the active members.
12. The General Assembly exclusively is authorised to:
 - a) Elect the Executive Committee for a 2-year period.
 - b) Approve the annual statement
 - c) Set membership fees
 - d) Establish regulations
 - e) Amend the statutes and dissolve the Association. Both are only possible if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members approve.
13. The President or a member of the Executive Committee designated by the Executive Committee, if the former is unable to attend, shall chair the General Assembly, whose decisions are to be recorded in the minutes.
14. Every active member has one vote and may be represented by someone with express authorisation. The General Assembly makes decisions based on a simple majority of the voting active members. In the event of a tie vote the President shall decide.



15. The General Assembly may only make decisions on items of the agenda submitted in accordance with the statutes. Proposals submitted to the Executive Committee by the end of May at latest in writing, by fax or email are to be announced for the General Assembly of the same year as items of the agenda. The General Assembly deliberates and decides on proposals submitted later in the following year.

16. The General Assembly ordinarily makes decisions on business announced by the Executive Committee as items of the agenda once a year. As a rule email correspondence is used for the decisions of the General Assembly. The General Assembly is to be conducted as a meeting of active members if requested by an active member in due time.

17. The Executive Committee informs the General Assembly by email of the agenda together with proposals, which the active members can accept or reject by email within the subsequent 20 days. Within the same period of time an active member may request, by email, that the General Assembly be conducted as a meeting of the active members.

18. Providing that no active member has requested that the General Assembly be conducted as a meeting of the active members within the time limit, the decisions

made by email correspondence are binding.

19. Should an active member have requested, within the time limit, that the General Assembly be conducted as a meeting of the active members, the Executive Committee shall invite, within 10 days, the members to such a meeting to be held before the end of July. At this meeting the active members shall deliberate and decide on the items of the agenda.

20. Either by a resolution of the Executive Committee or by petition of one fifth of the active members the Executive Committee may call an extraordinary General Assembly in writing or by email announcing the agenda for this assembly, which is to be held as a meeting of the active members.

Executive Committee

21. The Executive Committee consists of at least two active members elected at the General Assembly for a 2-year period. The President is elected by the General Assembly, and the remaining membership of the Executive Committee constitutes itself.

22. The Executive Committee deliberates and decides according to the directives of the President at meetings of the Executive Committee members or by email

correspondence. The Executive Committee reaches decisions based on a simple majority of votes, whereby the President decides in a tie vote.

23. The Executive Committee runs the affairs of the Association, represents it in public and handles its business providing it has not been delegated to the General Assembly. The President and a further member of the Executive Committee are legally authorised to sign. The Executive Committee can instruct and empower an agent to fulfil some of its tasks.

Dissolution of the Association

24. In the case of the Association's dissolution the funds thereof must be distributed among one or several natural or legal persons who promote the education of professionals in the sporting goods retail branch.

Final Provisions

25. Swiss law is exclusively applicable; the place of jurisdiction is Bern.

26. These bylaws were approved at the inaugural assembly of 22 April 2002, amended at the General Assembly of 8 July 2007 and are immediately applicable.