

**UK Edible
Insect Association**

Partnership Agreement

AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM OF INSECTS FOR FOOD AND FEED (IPIFF) AND THE UK EDIBLE INSECT ASSOCIATION

I. Executive Summary (CONFIDENTIAL)

This proposal outlines a framework for a strategic Affiliated Membership Partnership between IPIFF and UK Edible Insect Association. It is designed to promote a joint policy, advocacy and communication strategy on behalf of the two organizations aiming EU institutions and EU Member States and as well as UK policymakers.

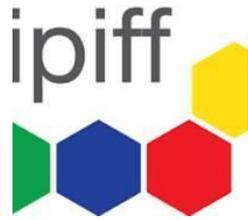
With this Affiliated Membership Partnership Agreement between the two organizations we forge a joint commitment to advocate for the advancement of the sector in both the EU and the UK legislations, while at the same time fostering a global cooperation platform to promote a unified insect industry voice and political strategy.

The partnership will prioritise:

- Alignment of core sector messaging and international communications
- Coordination of global industry events to maximise participation and visibility
- Exchange of best practice across production, sustainability and market development
- Cooperation on science-based, proportionate and innovation-enabling regulatory engagement
- Coordinated leadership across regional industry bodies to ensure clarity, credibility and long-term investor confidence.
- Shared commitment to responsible growth, scientific integrity and pragmatic policy engagement – while fully preserving each organisation’s autonomy and governance independence.
- Coordinated advocacy, regulatory and policy strategy.

Background & Rationale

- The EU and UK market for insect products is growing rapidly but faces significant T
- As regulatory frameworks evolve globally, both organisations recognise the need for coordinated leadership across regional industry bodies to ensure clarity, credibility and long-term investor confidence.
- The collaboration reinforces a shared commitment to responsible growth, scientific integrity and pragmatic policy engagement — while fully preserving each organisation’s autonomy and governance independence.
- Together, the two organisations represent over 100 industry players spanning more than 15 countries, covering insects for food, feed, fertiliser and wider circular economy applications. This provides a stronger platform towards our policy, advocacy, regulatory and communication endeavours towards decision-makers.



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- Both organizations will mutually benefit from sharing scientific work, market analyses, and sector data. Representing over 100 member companies, this collaboration will significantly strengthen our joint advocacy endeavours.

II. Proposed Partnership Structure:

This partnership will be established under IPIFF's framework for Affiliated Members (Via Agreement), as outlined in our internal governance documents.

This allows for a flexible, tailored, and non-voting collaboration that serves the strategic interests of both parties.

Core Objective: To ensure that IPIFF encompasses all UK edible insect Association member companies and vice-versa, as to strengthen the communication, advocacy, policy and regulatory endeavours jointly pursued by both organizations.

Reciprocity- Membership

With the proposed Affiliated Membership Agreement all UK Edible Association member companies are represented in IPIFF and all IPIFF member companies are represented in the UK Edible Insect Association.

Governance & Agreement Principles

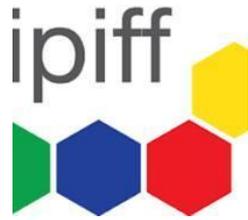
Non-Voting Partnership: This agreement confers no voting rights for UK Edible Insect Association member companies, but ensures that key decision-making within IPIFF is pursued in discussion/negotiation with the UK Edible Insect Association.

Term & Review: The initial agreement will be annually, subject to automatic renewal based on the current IPIFF membership framework.

Branding & Communication: Both parties may publicly acknowledge the partnership for knowledge exchange and market development. Specific branding guidelines will be attached.

Global Insect Industry Events Calendar: Promote a Global unified Industry Events calendar enabling UK member companies to attend IPIFF European Events and IPIFF delegation to attend UK Edible Insect Association events.

Joint Global Policy Advocacy: Policy and Outreach activities in EU, UK and Worldwide forums.



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Next Steps

1. **IPIFF Internal Approval**: Seek approval from the IPIFF Executive Board & General Assembly.
2. **Launch & Implementation**: Upon signing, execute a joint communication plan and initiate the operational rollout of the Partnership.
3. **Symbolical Momentum**: this agreement would have as key moment a Press Release promoting the Affiliated Membership category of the UK Edible Insect Association in IPIFF and both organizations joint policy, advocacy and communication endeavours.

Conclusion

This proposed partnership represents a pragmatic, forward-looking perspective to strengthen both organizations' visibility, policy and regulatory achievements and provide an improved positioning of the EU and UK insect industry in discussion and negotiation tables at the EU, UK and Worldwide levels. We believe this model can set a positive precedent for international cooperation in our sector.

Signatures

IPIFF Secretary General

Steven Barbosa

18/02/2026

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