

Membership Brochure



**ASSOCIATION
EUROPEAN
CANDLE
MAKERS**

About the AECM

The Association of European Candle Makers represents candle manufacturers and suppliers to the candle industry in Europe. Founded in 1962 in Paris, the Association acts as the collective voice for the candle industry to promote the safe use and enjoyment of candles, to improve the competitiveness of all companies in Europe and to ensure that their interests are heard and understood.

The Association's headquarters are located at:

Avenue Jules Bordet, 142
B-1140 Brussels
Belgium

A non-profit organization, the association's aims are to promote the European candle industry by developing as far as reasonable common solutions regarding questions of shared interest such as:

- Quality control procedures
- Safety standards (pictograms)
- Investigations regarding environmental influence of burning candles
- Guidance on European legislation

Vision and Mission

The association has the following non-profit objectives:

- To act as the collective voice for the candle industry
- To promote the safe use and enjoyment of candles
- To improve the competitiveness of all companies in Europe
- To ensure that European Candle Makers' interests are heard and understood



The activities which the association proposes to carry out in order to achieve these objectives are the following:

- The promotion of the candle industry in events, as well as via any other relevant means;
- Defending the interests of the profession in the event of the implementation of standards and legislation of all kinds;
- Providing members with relevant information on developments relating to Europe's candle industry, including technical, economical information and regulations, in accordance with national and European competition law;
- Producing reports and brochures and organizing conferences on the candle industry.

Membership Structure and Fees

The association is composed of full members, associate members and affiliate members.

Full members are:

- a) Any company producing candles in a European Country;

or

b) Any trade association representing the candle industry's interest at regional level.

Associate members are any entity that supplies goods and services to the candle industry.

Affiliate members are any entity that produces candles outside a European country, but imports/distributes candles to European countries.

For 2017 the membership fees are calculated as follows:

Companies' full member fees are calculated based on the company's (or group's) turnover with candles:
Turnover €0 - €5 000 000 @ 0.1 %
Turnover > €5 000 000 @ 0.025 %
Minimum annual fee: €1 000
Maximum annual fee: €10 000

Regional trade associations:
€3 000

Associate members:
€3 000

Affiliate members:
€3 000

For more information on becoming a member, please contact the AECM secretariat or complete the membership application form to apply for membership.

AECM Congress and Trade Show

The AECM Congress is held once a year, bringing together the industry in one location allowing them to discuss issues of concern to the entire industry. Each year, a

number of workshops and roundtables are held at this convention-like event, outlining key issues in depth.

The AECM supplier trade show is held alongside the Congress each year. The trade show provides a unique opportunity for suppliers to the candle industry to meet and network with their current and prospective customers and to display the range of the supplies they offer. The next Annual Meeting will be held on 8—10 June 2017 in Sicily, Italy.

Key Issues

The AECM closely follows developments in the following areas of interest to members:

REACH

The European Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical Substances has a far reaching effect on all industries in Europe, including the candle industry. AECM follows closely the developments in relation to authorisation requirements under REACH. In addition, the association monitors developments in other key legislation such as the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging. Furthermore, with offices located in Brussels AECM is well placed to be a constant and professional voice towards European lawmakers.

Standardisation

Standardisation is a key issue for the candle industry. AECM is following closely developments both at European and International level and observing how best to be involved in the development of



effective standards for candles. This includes developments and revisions to existing standards on the labelling of candles, specifications for fire safety and specifications for sooting behaviour and how legislation will affect these norms.

International Trade

Competition in the candle market has been increasing in recent years. Whereas much is in conformity with international rules on trade, it has been identified that some actions constitute selling below the normal cost, or dumping. AECM closely follows developments in trade related issues in candles and provides members with a common voice to ensure fair competition throughout the industry.

Safety guidelines

In addition to monitoring legislative development in Europe, AECM prepares guideline for consumers on the safe use of candles. These guidelines are made available on the association's website and ensure that consumers and the industry are properly protected.

Indoor Air Quality

Indoor air quality is an issue that has grown in importance in recent years. In addition to taking steps in monitoring its development in European and national legislation, AECM is taking proactive steps in recognising this important issues.

Why Join the AECM

The Association of European Candle Makers unites companies producing candles in Europe, associations representing the candle industry's interest at regional level as well as entities that supply goods and services to



the candle industry. They share a common interest in the development of the candle industry in Europe.

The association allows the entire industry to speak with one voice in response to issues concerning European legislation, indoor air quality and candle standards.

In addition the AECM holds its Annual Congress alongside the AECM trade show . The trade show allows suppliers to the candle industry direct access to key customers. Only suppliers who are members may exhibit at the annual trade show.

Contact Us

For more information on the opportunities AECM membership offers and the application form, please contact the AECM headquarters.

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