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The Spanish Coffee Federation (FEC) was established in November 6th, 1985, as a consequence of the liberalisation of green coffee trade in Spain.

It was incorporated and registered in accordance with the Spanish Law (19/1977, April 1) at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Since its creation, FEC has pursued its goal of becoming a real forum in defence of the interests of the coffee industry in Spain, open to all companies involved in this sector.

In 2004, its statutes were redefined and through reorganisation and professional management, FEC has achieved a solid position as the federated body integrating the existing national associations within the coffee industry in Spain:

- ❖ **ANCAFE** (Spanish Green Coffee Association)
- ❖ **AETC** (Spanish Coffee Roasters Association)
- ❖ **AEFCS** (Spanish Soluble Coffee Manufacturers Association)

FEC currently groups over 150 companies active in any of the several coffee-related business activities: importing of green coffee, roasted beans or grounded beans; soluble coffee manufacturing; distribution, sale and exporting of coffee products.

Based in Madrid, the Spanish Coffee Federation represents the common interests of its affiliates, which generate close to 95% of the total coffee production and distribution in Spain.

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As part of its mandate, FEC undertakes the representation and defence of the Spanish coffee industry, participating in different national and international bodies, allowing FEC to be present in all the forums where issues related to the coffee industry are discussed or decided.

- ❖ **FIAB:** Spanish Food and Beverages Industry Federation (www.fiab.es). FIAB groups most of the existing associations within the food industry.
- ❖ **ECF:** European Coffee Federation (www.ecf-coffee.org). The ECF, based in Amsterdam (The Netherlands), includes most of the national coffee associations as members.

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MISSION

FEC is focused on the following activities:

- ❖ Representation, defence and management of the, common or individual, professional interests of its members.
- ❖ Legal information services, including dissemination among its members of new laws and regulations or legal drafts at national or EU level.
- ❖ Coffee markets information services, including market trends and price evolution in national and international markets.
- ❖ Representation, defence and management of the common interests of the industry and its members before European and National public institutions, issuing comments, reports and amendment proposals to legal and regulatory drafts issued by those institutions.
- ❖ Participation at expert level in working groups and discussion panels on the coffee industry wherever they may take place, including within the ECF and its bodies.
- ❖ Working groups co-ordination. Selection, from within member companies, of experts in different fields ranging from technical to fiscal issues, as well as commercial or legal aspects.
- ❖ Dissemination of reports, guides or general articles among its members.
- ❖ Production of industry reports and statistics.
- ❖ Organisation of promotional events, including the Biennial Coffee Congress, the Coffee Day, as well as other events and promotional campaigns (seminars, conferences, symposiums, coffee tastings, etc.) in which it may participate directly or indirectly.
- ❖ Monitoring and informing public institutions of any wrong-doing or fraud incurred by coffee industry companies.

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ORGANISATION

The internal organisation of the FEC consists of different governing bodies formed by members, as well as specific posts, aimed at improving its general functioning: Delegates Assembly, Governing Board and General Secretary.

Apart from this governing bodies, FEC also works through Committees and Technical Committees, formed by teams of professionals focused in the study and discussion of those technical issues of general interest for FEC's members.

- ❖ Technical Committee: advisory body for the Governing Board in all aspects related to legal issues, R&D, international co-operation and others.
- ❖ Communications Committee: in charge of FEC's communications management through the media, website, press releases, etc.
- ❖ Operational Committee: in charge of all issues related to the general functioning of the industry (coffee contracts, markets, logistics, etc.)
- ❖ Promotion Committee: Promotion of the "coffee culture" and its consumption through different actions such as trade fairs, meetings, congresses, etc.
- ❖ Marketing Committee: Development of general marketing and advertising campaigns, market studies, etc.

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As a federation, FEC integrates various Associations, each including different companies according to the business areas they cover.

There is a specific distinction between green coffee trading, coffee roasting and soluble coffee manufacturing. Each of these activities are represented by their own association, and all of them together integrate FEC.

☛ **Spanish Coffee Roasters Association (AETC)**

This association groups the biggest number of companies. Their main activity is coffee roasting.

AETC was established in 1979 and includes 115 companies which on aggregate represent more than 90% of the coffee roasting national market.

This Association is a Professional Body which manages, represents and defends the economic, social, labour and professional interests of its business members

before any public or private institution. This includes the State, Autonomous Regions or other professional and labour organisations.

It is an active member of those relevant national and international institutions with regard to its field of activity, as well as of the Spanish Coffee Federation.

☛ **Spanish Green Coffee Association (ANCAFE) –green coffee–**

Its members are both companies and individuals which are active in the importing, distribution and trading of green coffee in Spain.

ANCAFE was created in 1983, representing virtually the whole sector, with 14 trading companies. There are 6 additional partners that are not directly active in coffee trading, but are in closely related activities such as logistics, customs agents, ports or storage companies.

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Among its targets, the following should be mentioned:

- Defending the common interests of its members, co-ordinating and homogenising their positions. It also provides relevant information affecting those fields of interest for its members.
- Creating a common business framework ruling over business operations within the Spanish coffee industry, as established by the Spanish Coffee Contract (C.E.C 104) and the Arbitrage Chamber of the Consulate of the Valencia Exchange.
- It is an active member of those relevant national and international institutions with regard to its field of activity, as well as of the Spanish Coffee Federation.

Spanish Soluble Coffee Manufacturers Association (AEFCS)

Established in October 1977, its 5 members represent the whole sector of those companies specialised in the transformation of roasted coffee into soluble coffee.

This association works in defence of its members' common interests, promoting the soluble coffee industry as well as co-operation and co-ordination of those involved in it.

Most members are also part of one or both of the two other coffee industry national associations (mentioned above), since its activities go beyond soluble coffee and cover other areas within the coffee industry.

As well, as the mentioned associations, it is an active member of those relevant national and international institutions with regard to its field of activity, as well as of the Spanish Coffee Federation.

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