

Articles of Association

Deutsch-Japanische Weinwirtschaftsinitiative e. V.

§ 1 Name, registered office and financial year

- 1.1 The Association is named “Deutsch-Japanische Weinwirtschaftsinitiative” and is to be entered in the Register of Associations. Following registration, its name shall include the suffix “e. V.”.
- 1.2 The Association’s registered office is in Berlin.
- 1.3 The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- 2.1 The Association’s purpose is to promote international economic and cultural exchange and to support small and medium-sized wine-growing businesses from Germany and Austria in sustainably entering the Japanese market.
- 2.2 The purpose set out in these Articles is pursued in particular through:
 - a) designing and implementing information, training and market-development measures,
 - b) organising professional presentation, tasting and exchange formats with an educational and networking character,
 - c) providing knowledge of the legal, logistical, economic and cultural framework of the Japanese market,
 - d) cooperating with public institutions, chambers, associations and international partners.
- 2.3 The Association acts selflessly and does not pursue its own economic interests.

§ 3 Public-benefit status

- 3.1 The Association exclusively and directly pursues public-benefit purposes within the meaning of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung).
- 3.2 The Association’s funds may be used only for the purposes set out in these Articles.
- 3.3 Members shall not receive distributions from the Association’s funds.

§ 4 Activities and engagement of third parties

- 4.1 The Association may engage external service providers to fulfil its purpose under these Articles.
- 4.2 Service providers are engaged on the basis of written contracts on market-standard terms.
- 4.3 The Association does not itself conduct commercial activities or offer services for a fee.

§ 5 Membership

- 5.1 Natural and legal persons who support the Association’s purpose may become members.

5.2 Admission is by application, on which the Board decides.

5.3 Resignation must be declared in writing with three months' notice to the end of the financial year.

§ 5a Suspension of membership and expulsion

5a.1 The Board may suspend a member's rights if, despite a reminder, the member is more than six months in arrears with fees or causes significant harm to the Association.

5a.2 During suspension, there are no voting or participation rights.

5a.3 A member may be expelled for a serious violation of the Association's interests.

5a.4 Before a decision is taken, the member must be given an opportunity to comment.

§ 6 Membership fees

6.1 The Association charges membership fees.

6.2 Fee-free memberships may be provided for natural persons.

6.3 Further details are governed by Membership Fee Regulations.

§ 7 Bodies of the Association

The Association's bodies are the Board and the General Meeting.

§ 8 Board

8.1 The Board within the meaning of § 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB) consists of three persons.

8.2 The Association is represented jointly by two Board members.

8.3 The term of office is two years.

§ 8a Conflicts of interest

8a.1 Existing conflicts of interest must be disclosed.

8a.2 Members concerned are excluded from decision-making.

§ 9 General Meeting

9.1 The ordinary General Meeting takes place at least once a year.

9.2 Notice is given in text form at least two weeks in advance.

§ 10 Resolutions and minutes

10.1 Resolutions are passed by a simple majority.

10.2 Minutes must be kept of every General Meeting.

10.3 The minutes must be signed by the chair of the meeting and the minute-taker.

§ 11 Liability

Only the Association's assets are liable for its obligations.

§ 12 Dissolution

Upon dissolution, the assets shall pass to a tax-privileged legal entity.

§ 13 Establishment

These Articles of Association were established on 15 February 2026 and signed by at least seven members.