



INFOSTEEL : COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

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1. Basic principles

As Steel Promotion Association active in Belgium and in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg Infosteel represents and promotes the common interests of its members by stressing the specific properties and high potential of the material steel in the wide range of applications.

Infosteel operates with regard to the Authorities, administrative agencies, political bodies, technical committees, educational circles, organized interest group and broad audience.

Infosteel provides only legitimate information and services to its members.

Regarding meetings the attending Infosteel representative sticks to the agenda, does not engage in secret meetings, informal discussions or inappropriate discussions. He is also required to recognize situations where antitrust issues may arise and to immediately react to potential offences by voicing his objection, bringing the potentially illegal discussions and behavior to an end. If this cannot be achieved he has to leave immediately the meeting. This must be properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting concerned.

2. Statutes

Infosteel supplies technical knowledge, contributes to dissemination of information and provides assistance through various means: publications, training sessions, professional events, project visits, helpdesk, access to library and a dynamic website, ...

The association groups steel producers, metal construction companies, processing companies, stockholding, software suppliers, general contractors, promoters, research centres, engineering and architectural firms, professors, students, ...



The tasks of Infosteel are the co-operation amongst the member companies, the partners of the network for the promotion of steel (ISN) which gathers the Centres for Information and Promotion of Steel in Europe (IPO's) in all matters along the supply chain with focus on knowledge transfer on steel and how to apply steel products in the building sector. Within this framework there is no role whatsoever for Infosteel in any commercial transaction.

3. Code of conduct

All the activities are strictly pursued within the limits of the European, the Belgian and the Luxemburg antitrust laws and competition compliance regulations.

Infosteel's activities may under no circumstances lead towards a restriction of competition. No meetings organized, supported or attended by Infosteel may be used by members to discuss future market behaviour resulting in a restriction of competition. More globally the platform offered by Infosteel to its members may not be misused for activities prohibited by antitrust rules.

Members should never :

- exchange or even discuss price-sensitive information, sales prices, profit margins, market engagements
- share or allocate markets or customers
- limit or reduce production, including capacity utilisation, future investment and capacity evolution
- take part into improper discussions or contacts.

This behaviour is in compliance with the antitrust laws and guidelines.