

## Memo on changes to the EHF bylaws

Following modification brought by May 2019 General Assembly, the EHF bylaws were lodged at the competent tribunal's administration to be registered. We have received a refusal to register the Bylaws' new version, on the grounds that a notarial act is required by law to change the bylaws of an international non-profit association such as the EHF (AISBL). Belgian authorities are now stricter and increase their scrutiny of international non-profit organisations, because associations of this kind have apparently been used for fraud purposes.

The notary's office informed us that the agreement of full members is needed for this notarial act, either in person or through proxy (power of attorney may be granted to another full member).

Besides, a new Code of companies and associations was made public on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This new code requires some minor changes to the bylaws. These changes mainly concern form and wording. The publication of the new law was too late for these changes to be adopted during the 2019 General Assembly (according to our bylaws, modification proposals have to be presented 3 months before the GA). This also means a notarial act is needed, under the same conditions.

We thus propose to take the following steps:

- Prepare a single notarial act encompassing all changes (required by law + 2019 GA).
- Gather powers of attorney during the next GA

A single notarial act will be needed, making the whole procedure simpler.

Although the changes decided at the 2019 GA will be formally registered only after the next one, our practice is already in conformity with them.