

# FABRICATOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



**iapd.**  
international association  
of plastics distribution

The undersigned applies for membership and pledges that, if approved, I/we will be governed by its bylaws as now adopted or as they may be hereafter amended and all the rules in conformity therewith which do not conflict with the laws of the United States or the states in which I/we do business. (Please print.)

## Your Company's Information

Company Name

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different)

City/State/ZIP or Province/Country/Postal Code

Phone Number

Toll-free Number

Fax Number

Toll-free Fax Number

E-mail

Web Site

### CHECK ONE PRIMARY CATEGORY:

- Fabrication
- Pipe, Valves & Fittings
- Sheet, Rod & Tube

Your company's key IAPD contact person (voting member for the company):

Name

Title

E-mail

Your company's 2nd key IAPD contact person (secondary contact for the company):

Name

Title

E-mail

Your company's administrative contact person:

Name

Title

E-mail

Others to receive IAPD e-newsletters, magazine, etc.:

Name

Title

E-mail

Application authorized by:

Name

Title

E-mail

## Company Details

Please note how your company operates:

Corporation

yes

Individual

Describe the territory and/or markets you serve:

When was your business organized?

What was your company's first year in the plastics industry?

Are you affiliated with or owned wholly or partially by another firm or firms?

yes  no

If yes, please list.

How many employees do you have (including officers)?

Total:

Plastics:

How many salespeople/sales representatives do you employ in plastics?

Outside:

Inside:

How many plastics locations/branches do you have, other than your corporate headquarters?

Please list any branch locations on a separate sheet, if applicable. Include: branch name, manager's name, address, city, state, ZIP or postal code, country, phone, fax, web site and e-mail.

What were your annual plastic sales to the plastics industry last year?

What other trade or business associations or organizations do you belong to?

#### How did you learn about us?

Has a company representative attended the IAPD Annual Convention in the past three years?

yes  no

How did you hear about IAPD?

Were you referred by a current IAPD member?

yes  no

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Sec. 1B. Fabricator Membership.** Any partnership, corporation, or a division, subsidiary or department of a company who is engaged in downstream processing of plastic sheet, rod, tube, film, pipe, valves and fittings. Eligible processors include companies that bend, machine, weld or bond stock plastic; or are engaged in film conversion. Processors that would be eligible for membership are fabricators, machine shops and film converters. Processor members must subscribe to IAPD's Code of Ethics, and meet all of the following eligibility requirements: (a) Derives at least 25 percent of revenues from value-added services (excluding cutting), such as bending, gluing, welding, routing, assembly, forming, milling, turning, slitting, sheeting, laminating, etc. on plastics materials; and (b) Purchases at least 50 percent or \$1 million of its plastic materials through plastics distribution or plastics manufacturing; and (c) Has been engaged in plastics processing for one or more years; and (d) Provides three reference letters from plastics distributors, manufacturers or associated products and services companies attesting to the commitment of the organization to the plastics distribution channel, qualification of IAPD membership and verification that the applicant purchases plastic sheet, rod, tube, film or pipe, valves and fittings through plastics distributors or plastics manufacturers.

Exceptions to any of the foregoing requirements for any category of membership may be made by the Board of Directors upon its determination that the particular circumstances will not be to the detriment of the Association or the applicant.

# ANTITRUST POLICY

*It is, of course, the policy and intention of the IAPD (International Association of Plastics Distribution) to comply with all laws. The antitrust laws are of particular concern, since IAPD is, by its nature, a group of competitors joined together for a common business purpose. Therefore, the following guidelines are adopted, and each officer, director, committee chair and vice chair, committee member, member of the association, staff member and any other representative or agent of the association is urged to comply with such guidelines.*

## I. MEMBERSHIP

Since members of the association derive an economic benefit from their membership, the bylaw requirements and qualifications for membership will be strictly adhered.

- (a) Each and every applicant for membership, who is qualified under the bylaws, will be promptly processed and admitted to membership.
- (b) Any applicant not qualified for membership under the bylaws will be promptly notified of the specific reason for non-qualification.
- (c) Rejected IAPD membership applicants and any members threatened with expulsion because of failure to comply with the bylaws membership requirements will, upon request, be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the association's board of directors or executive committee.

## II. ILLEGALITY OF DIVISION OF CUSTOMERS AND TERRITORIES

Since an agreement among competitors (including members of the association) to divide customers or establish territorial rights is a criminal act, any such agreement, therefore, formal or informal, is not to be considered or discussed.

## III. STANDARDIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

Voluntary industry standards which favor some competitors and discriminate against others create antitrust problems. The association will not consider or adopt standardization or certification activities which further the interests of certain groups of members to the exclusion of others, since such activities may result in antitrust problems.

## IV. INDUSTRY SELF-REGULATION

The association will not establish or enforce a code of ethics for its members under circumstances where such code of ethics would result in economic injury to certain groups of members.

## V. PRICE FIXING

Prices charged by its members and the establishment of such prices is an inap-

propriate and illegal subject for association action and discussion, and the fixing of prices by individual members is declared to be outside the scope of the association's activities.

## VI. DISCUSSION TOPICS TO BE AVOIDED

The following subjects will not be discussed at association-sponsored meetings, whether such meetings be of the executive committee, board of directors, committees or the general membership:

- (a) Current or future prices. (Great care must be taken in discussing past prices.)
- (b) A "fair" profit level.
- (c) Possible increases or decreases in prices.
- (d) Standardization or stabilization of prices.
- (e) Pricing procedures.
- (f) Cash discounts.
- (g) Credit terms.
- (h) Control of sales.
- (i) Allocation of markets.
- (j) Refusal to deal with a corporation because of its pricing or distribution policies.
- (k) Whether the pricing practices of any industry member are unethical or constitute an unfair trade practice.

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# CODE OF ETHICS

**In order to foster mutual trust among distributors, manufacturers and representatives in the plastics industry, we are resolved to abide by the following code of ethics:**

- Promote and support the distribution channel as a means to bring product to market.
- Refer to all products by their trademark, generic name or chemical formulation as solicited and clarify the differences in any or all three of the classifications as the case arises.

- Substitute competitive brands from a trademark solicited only upon approval of the buyer.
- Educate the buyer on our products without misrepresenting their advantages or disadvantages and promote the use of the various products for the physical, chemical and electrical properties for which they excel.
- Accurately represent and advertise our merchandise and services.
- Always be alert to new products which will benefit our customers.
- Comply with international standards and laws in all association activities.

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

Please provide the following relevant to your category — your application cannot be processed without this additional information.

## Fabricators

1. What percentage of sales does your company do in wholesale distribution? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What percentage of sales does your company do in value-added services, excluding cutting? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you purchase at least U.S. \$1 million of plastics materials through plastics manufacturing or distribution?  yes  no \_\_\_\_\_
4. What percentage of your plastic materials are purchased from plastics distributors? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What percentage of your plastic materials are purchased from plastics manufacturers? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please submit two to three examples of your marketing materials. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Please provide three reference letters from manufacturers or distributors attesting to your company's commitment to the plastics distribution channel, qualification of IAPD membership and verification that you purchase plastic sheet, rod, tube, film or pipe, valves and fittings through plastics distributors or plastics manufacturers.  
*Please note: IAPD reserves the right to verify all provided information by interviewing an appropriate representative from the company and contacting references.*

# IAPD MEMBERSHIP FEES & DUES

The membership approval process takes approximately three weeks once we receive your membership application, reference letters, initiation fee and your first years membership dues. The initiation fee may be applied towards one of the following, advertising, convention sponsorship, exhibit booth, or towards one convention registration.

## FABRICATORS

Dues are based on your annual plastics sales.

Category I	\$0 to 1.9 million	\$823	Category VI	\$20 to 29.9 million	\$3,086	<b>Initiation fee:</b> _____ (Greater of \$500 or 30% of your dues)
Category II	\$2 to 4.9 million	\$958	Category VII	\$30 to 49.9 million	\$4,110	<b>Dues fee:</b> _____
Category III	\$5 to 7.9 million	\$1,234	Category VIII	\$50 to 99.9 million	\$5,137	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED (U.S. FUNDS):</b> _____
Category IV	\$8 to 9.9 million	\$1,718	Category IX	Over \$100 million	\$6,851	
Category V	\$10 to 19.9 million	\$2,401				

## IAPD 2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

### Payment Method

- Wire Transfer — contact IAPD  Please Invoice me (U.S. funds only)  Check enclosed (U.S. funds only)

### Credit card

- MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Cardholders' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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