Benefits of Becoming an IMTA Associate/Affiliate Member

As of 2025, IMTA has provided 130 years of leading trade expertise on UK trade policy including on customs, tariffs, rules of origin, WTO, trade agreements, SPS conditions and market access. With many years collective experience in the meat trading sector, the secretariat can provide information on quota systems, free trade agreements and customs issues. Our associate and affiliate members are vitally important to the organisation as they present the views of the wider industries around the meat trading sector, carrying out activities such as customs clearance, transport or insurance on which our trading members rely.

KEY BENEFITS

Stay Updated with the Latest News
News items are published on our website daily. These are specifically tailored to the requirements and interests of those working in or associated with the meat trade sector. A summary of the news is sent direct to members daily, as well as curated weekly and monthly recaps.

Associate/Affiliate Member Circular
Our circular aims to provide an overview of our members and their current offerings that may be of interest to trading members, introducing you to new business opportunities and potential partners.

IMTA Website: Your One-Stop Shop
There is a wealth of information on our website including up to date guidance and reports of prior meetings. All of the information you need is in one place, saving you the time of tracking it down yourself and allowing you to focus on your day to day business.

Have Your Voice Heard
Our secretariat lobbies government to aim for the best outcomes for our members. We have established strong relationships with UK government officials as well as UK Ministers and diplomats over several decades. We also actively monitor EU Legislation.

Expand your Network
Interact with other members at our events and take advantage of our international connections to link your business with developments in the international meat trade. Members have a profile on our website and are listed in Meat Contacts Magazine. Associates and Affiliates have the opportunity to sponsor our meetings.

Additional Benefits...
IMTA offers plenty of extra perks not listed here. We want you to get the most out of your membership, and we can personalise your experience to fit your business needs. Give us a ring or reach out to our Strategy Director for personalised support: Katrina@imta-uk.org

OUR EVENTS

In recent years, IMTA has held 30+ member exclusive events in a year. These include Q&A sessions with government officials, visits to ports, briefings on the upcoming policy changes, and more:

- **Breakfast Briefing:** Monthly calls with the IMTA Secretariat covering common issues facing members and legislative or policy updates.
- **Lunchtime Refresher:** Sessions reviewing important subjects in meat trading, providing fresh guidance and how-tos.
- **Members Meeting:** Four annual discussion based events covering the latest policy updates and member concerns. Held hybrid to prioritise networking opportunities and for convenience.
- **Annual General Meeting:** Event for members to review IMTA's performance over the past year, designate board members, and discuss changes to IMTA for the following year.





IS ASSOCIATE OR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

The price of Associate and Affiliate memberships differ slightly, as associate members have access to IMTA's query service. Associates can ring or email requesting information on legislation, customs, or technical matters and IMTA will endeavour to solve the query and can liaise with authorities where required. Affiliates do not have access to the Query Service but do have full access to IMTA events, website and news items.



SIMPLIFY YOUR HIRING

IMTA occasionally receives and circulates to members CVs from promising candidates, who may be suitable for commercial and trading posts, logistics and technical roles, and accounting and business administration.

SET IMTA'S PRIORITIES & ACCESS OUR NETWORKS

IMTA lobbies government to aim for the best outcomes for its members, to strive for access to a variety of sources of imported meat as well as access to a range of export markets. IMTA is active on Sustainability issues.

As a member of the European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV), IMTA members regularly receive analysis and reports on EU matters.

Join our Working Groups to share best practice and intel, and help determine what IMTA's lobbying message to government should be.

There are 18 Members of the Board. Dr Margaret Boanas serves as Chairman.

Generally IMTA consults the entire membership when taking a position on an important topic, enabling you to influence IMTA's lobbying position. We have a 1:1 company to vote system, so all businesses irrespective of their size have equal weighting. IMTA talks to many key actors in government and politics. Particularly during times of uncertainty, your business could benefit from being at the table and helping to set the agenda for meat trading.

BECOMING AN IMTA MEMBER—THE PROCESS

MEMBER APPLICATION

All applications are presented to and approved by the board.

SHORT & INFORMAL INTERVIEW

Interested company may be invited to meet with a board member and the IMTA Secretariat online to discuss their interest in joining and learn more about IMTA.

IMTA MEMBERSHIP

Enjoy the benefits of IMTA membership.

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