

[Courtesy translation of the Articles of Association including the	
amendments proposed to the EGM	
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of	
"AMPLIFON S.p.A."	
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Art. 1 = A joint stock company is incorporated under the name of "AMPLIFON	
S.p.A.".	
Art. 2 = The company's purpose is the sale of hearing aids, optical items,	
technical and scientific instruments and devices for all applications, with	
particular regard to those for use in the medical sector, as well as the	
production, design on its own account, study and sale of any other electronic	
and non-electronic devices, equipment, remedy or product, for curative, health,	
educational and rehabilitative purposes as well as prevention and protection in	
the workplace and in research laboratories and for the protection of the	
individual; the production and sale of sound booths and noise-insulation	
products for use in any sector; and the provision of technological support to	
the national health service.	
The company may promote and organize Industrial and market research,	
organize refresher and educational courses, coordinate and perform scientific	
research on its own account and that of third parties into the items produced,	
sold and studied by the company, within the limits of Law 1815/1939, and it	
may carry out publishing activities, nonetheless excluding the publication of	
daily newspapers.	
It may also carry out the maintenance, repair and construction and assembly	
of accessory or related parts, both to secure the customer base and to facilitate	



	marketing and penetration of the respective markets.	
	The company may act on its own account and in representation of others or	
	under commission from others.	
	The company may undertake all commercial, industrial and financial	
	transactions and those involving movable and immovable properties which are	
	deemed by the Board of Directors necessary or useful in order to attain the	
	company's business purpose; it may also grant secured or unsecured	
	endorsements, sureties and guarantees of any kind to any person for its own	
	obligations and those of others.	
	In any case, the company is expressly forbidden from the professional	
	provision of investment services to the general public, as defined under	
	legislative decree 58/1998 ("TUF") and subsequent amendments and	
	additions thereto, and from any kind of activity that legally requires specific	
	authorization unless already obtained.	
	Lastly, the company may invest in enterprises, entities or companies which are	
	functionally related to achieving the business purpose, adopt the corporate	
	group organisation deemed most appropriate, and take part in consortia and	
+	cooperative companies and enter into partnership arrangements, in	
	compliance with current legislation and therefore explicitly excluding the	
	exercise of the above financial and investment activities which are prohibited	
	under law.	
	Art. 3 = The company's registered office is in Milan, Italy.	
	The company is entitled to open and close branches, agencies or	
	representative offices, including abroad, and secondary offices, in accordance	
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	with the rules and procedures applicable on each occasion.	



	Art. 4 = The shareholders shall be domiciled for the purposes of their	
	relationship with the company at the address shown in the shareholders'	
	register.	
	Art. 5 = The company's duration is fixed until 31 December 2100 and may be	
	extended.	
	Art. 6 = The company's share capital is Euro 4,527,772.40 (four million, five	
	hundred and twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two, forty	
	cents), divided into 226,388,620 (two hundred and twenty-six million, three	
	hundred and eighty-eight thousand, six hundred and twenty) shares with a	
	nominal value of € 0.02 (zero point zero two) each.	
	The Extraordinary Shareholders' meeting held on 27 April 2006 voted:	
	- to grant the Board of Directors, for a period of five years from the date of the	
	resolution, the power, pursuant to Article 2443 of the Italian Civil Code, to	
	increase share capital for cash, on one or more occasions, by a maximum	
	amount of € 150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand) at par, by issuing up to	
	7,500,000 (seven million five hundred thousand) shares of a nominal value of	
	€ 0.02 (zero point zero two) each, with ordinary dividend rights, to be offered	
	for subscription to employees of the company and its subsidiaries, to be	
	identified with regard to the strategic importance of the position held within the	
	Group; this capital increase shall exclude rights as allowed by the last	
	paragraph of Article 2441 of the Italian Civil Code and Article 114-bis and	
	paragraph 2, Article 134 of Decree 58/98 and any amendments or additions	
	thereto; resolutions passed in relation to the capital increase shall state that, if	
	the capital increase approved in execution of the authority to increase share	
	capital is not subscribed within the time limits established on each occasion (in	
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	any case not after 31 December 2020), the share capital will be increased by	
	the amount of the subscriptions received by those deadlines. Pursuant to the	
	power granted to the Board of Directors by the Extraordinary Shareholders'	
	Meeting held on 27 April 2006, during the meeting held on 28 October 2010	
	the Board of Directors resolved to increase share capital for cash, on one or	
	more occasions, by a maximum amount of € 150,000.00 (one hundred fifty	
	thousand) at par, by issuing up to 7,500,000 (seven million five hundred	
	thousand) shares of a nominal value of € 0.02 (zero point zero two) each, with	
	ordinary dividend rights, to be offered for subscription to employees of the	
	company and its subsidiaries, to be identified with regard to the strategic	
	importance of the position held within the Group; this capital increase shall	
	exclude rights as allowed by the last paragraph of Article 2441 of the Italian	
	Civil Code and Article 114-bis and paragraph 2, Article 134 of Decree 58/98	
	and any amendments or additions thereto. Any shares issued pursuant to this	
	resolution must be placed no later than 30 April 2019 in accordance with the	
	terms and conditions as per the "Stock Option Plan 2010-2011" approved by	
	the Company's Shareholders' Meeting in ordinary session.	
	As of 8 th May, 2019 the amount of € 142,421.68 (one hundred and forty-two	
	thousand, four hundred and twenty-one and sixty-eight cents) with the	
	correspondent issuance of number 7,121,084 (seven million and one hundred,	
	twenty-one thousand and eighty-four) ordinary shares with a nominal value of	
	€ 0.02 (zero point zero two) has been subscribed and paid-in with reference to	
	this capital increase.	
	On 16 April 2014 the Shareholders, meeting in Extraordinary Session, resolved	
	to grant to the Board of Directors the power, pursuant to Art. 2443 of the Italian	
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	Civil Code, to increase the share capital without consideration, for a period of	
	five years from the date of the resolution, on one or more occasions, for up to	
	a maximum nominal amount of Euro 100,000.00, through the issue of a	
	maximum of 5,000,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro 0.02	
	each, with voting rights, to be assigned to employees of Amplifon S.p.A. and/or	
	its subsidiaries, pursuant to Art. 2349 of the Italian Civil Code, as part of the	
	Company's current and future stock-based incentive plans. These capital	
	increases must be made using the earnings or available reserves shown in the	
	last financial statements approved each time.	
	If the shareholders' meeting so resolves, share capital may be increased by	
	issuing shares with different rights to those already in circulation, and for	
	settlement in a form other than in cash, within the limits allowed by law and	
	also pursuant to Art. 2441, 4 th paragraph, second part of the Italian Civil Code,	
	with respect to the terms, conditions and procedures provided for therein; the	
	Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting may also grant the Directors the power –	
	pursuant to and in accordance with Art. 2443 of the Italian Civil Code to	
	proceed with a capital increase, free or otherwise, with or without option rights,	
	including in accordance with Art. 2441, 4th paragraph (second part) and 5th	
	paragraph of the Italian Civil Code.	
	For a period of five years from the resolution of the extraordinary shareholders'	
	meeting of April 30 th , 2024, the Board of Directors is granted:	
	(i) the power to increase the share capital in one or more occasions,	
	against payment or free of charge, also in divisible form, through the	
	issue of new shares, for a nominal value of Euro 906,000.00;	
	(ii) the power to issue, in one or more occasions, convertible bonds and/or	
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financial instruments (other than bonds) that allow, however, the	
subscription of new shares for a nominal value of Euro 906,000.00, and	
in any case, for amounts that do not exceed, from time to time, the	
limits established by the law for bond issuances,	
it being understood that the total increase for cases (i) and (ii) is always limited	
to a nominal value of Euro 906,000.00.	
The power provided for in the preceding paragraph may also be exercised with	
limitation and/or exclusion of the option right ("diritto di opzione") in the	
following cases:	
a) in the case of a capital increase to be paid in by contribution in kind,	
when such increase enables the Company to obtain one or more	
participations, companies, business units and/or industrial activities of	
interest to the Company, as part of its development and growth	
strategy, which, according to the prudent assessment of the Board of	
Directors, is of strategic importance for the achievement of the	
companies' business purpose;	
b) in the case of a capital increase to be paid in cash, when the economic	
conditions and terms of the placement (including, by way of example,	
any subscription commitment undertaken by third parties) result to be,	
according to the prudent assessment of the Board of Directors,	
beneficial to the Company; and	
c) in both case under letter a) and case under letter b), where such an	
offer constitutes part of a broader industrial agreement which results,	
according to the prudent assessment of the Board of Directors, of	
strategic importance for the Company.	



The option right ("diritto di opzione") may also be limited and/or excluded in the	
case of capital increase to be paid in cash pursuant to the 4th paragraph,	
second part, of Art. 2441 of the Italian Civil Code, establishing a price for the	
newly issued shares that corresponds to the market value of the ordinary	
shares, subject to the application of a discount, if any, in line with market	
practice for similar transactions. Such correspondence is confirmed in a	
special report by a statutory auditor or auditing firm; in the event the Board	
resolves upon the capital increase pursuant to the second sentence of the 4 th	
paragraph of Art. 2441 of the Italian Civil Code, the number of newly issued	
shares in the context of the capital increase may not exceed the maximum	
number provided for at any given time by applicable law.	
In case of the exclusion or limitation of shareholders' option right ("diritto di	
opzione") pursuant to Art. 2441, 4th paragraph, second part and 5th paragraph,	
of the Italian Civil Code, the newly issued shares must be reserved for offer to	
qualified investors and/or business, financial and/or strategic partners	
identified from time to time.	
In the event of the issue of shares with limitation and/or exclusion of the option	
right ("diritto di opzione"), the Board of Directors' resolution on the increase	
must illustrate the occurrence of one of the aforementioned cases, as well as	
the criteria adopted to determine the subscription price.	
Without prejudice to the provisions of Art. 2441, 4th paragraph, second part of	
the Italian Civil Code, in the case of issuances pursuant to such law provision,	
in all other cases, the fairness of the issue price must be assessed in advance	
by a leading financial institution, also taking into account the market price trend	
of the shares in the previous 6 months, and market practice in terms of	



	discounting the theoretical ex right price (so-called TERP).	
	Within the limits provided by law and by this article 6, the Board of Directors	
	is granted the broadest power to establish, from time to time, placement	
	methods (public offer and/or private placement), category (ordinary or special	
	shares, even without voting rights), any economic and/or administrative	
	privileges, issue price and related surcharge (possibly differentiated in case of	
	simultaneous issuance of shares of different categories) of new shares, as well	
	as of the shares placed at service of convertible bonds and/or securities	
	(including those other than bonds) which in any case allow the subscription of	
	new shares.	
	The Board of Directors is also granted powers to decide upon any request for	
	admission of shares and/or convertible bonds and/or financial instruments	
	(including those other than bonds) which in any case allow the subscription of	
	new shares, to one or more public regulated market(s) or multilateral trading	
	system(s), Italian and/or foreign.	
	In compliance with current limits and regulations, meaning in accordance with	
	the principles established by the Interministerial Committee for Savings and	
	Credit, the company may accept loans from shareholders and/or receive	
	payments from the same, with or without the obligation to repay them and	
	without the payment of interest, except as otherwise resolved in shareholders'	
	meetings.	
	Art. 7 = Every share is indivisible and registered.	
	If allowed by prevailing law, shareholders may request at their own expense to	
	convert their registered shares into bearer shares The issuance of share	
	certificates is excluded as the Company is subject to compulsory	
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	dematerialisation regime of issued financial instruments, in compliance with	
	applicable law provisions. The Company's shares are entered into the	
	centralised management system provided for by the TUF	
	Art. 8 = The shares can be freely sold and transferred.	
	The right of withdrawal may be exercised only in cases where it is	
	unconditionally allowed by law. The right of withdrawal does not apply to	
	resolutions concerning the extension of the company's duration, and the	
	introduction, amendment or removal of restrictions on the circulation of shares.	
	Art. 9 = Ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meetings, which may be	
1	called in a place other than the company's registered office provided within	
	Italy, are governed by the law and this article.	
	Pursuant to Art. 2370, 4 th paragraph, of the Italian Civil Code, participation in	
	the shareholders' meeting may take place by telecommunication systems,	
	within the limits set forth in the notice of call and in the manner permitted by	
	the chairman of the meeting. The notice of call may state that the shareholders'	
	meeting is to be held exclusively by telecommunication systems, omitting the	
	indication of the physical location of the meeting.	
	Shareholders' meetings are called by publishing a notice on the company's	
	website or in accordance with the modalities referred to in Consob regulations	
	within the time limit required by the law pursuant to Art. 113-ter, paragraph 3	
	of Legislative Decree 58/1998TUF.	
	The same notice may set another date for a possible second calling of the	
	meeting, and, where allowed by law, also the date for a third calling.	
	Pursuant to Art. 2369 of the Italian Civil Code, the shareholders' meeting,	
	whether ordinary or extraordinary, is called for in a single date, unless	



	otherwise provided for in the notice of call.	
	The notice of call must indicate the date, the time and place of the meeting as	
	well as the list of matters to be discussed and further information required by	
	current laws and regulations.	
	The ordinary shareholders' meeting must be called at least once a year, within	
	one hundred twenty days of the end of the financial year or, when specific legal	
	requirements are met, within one hundred eighty days of the end of the	
	financial year.	
	The Directors shall set out the reasons for the delay in the report drawn up in	
	accordance with Article 2428 of the Italian Civil Code.	
	The extraordinary shareholders' meeting can create classes of shares carrying	
	different rights from the ordinary ones. More specifically, it is possible to issue	
	preference shares which enjoy preferential treatment in the distribution of	
	earnings and repayment of capital.	
	In addition, the Ceompany is entitled to issue bearer or registered bonds in the	
	manner and form allowed by these Articles of Association and by the law.	
	Art. 10 = Both ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meetings may be held	
	with the sole participation of the proxy agent appointed by the Company	
	("rappresentante designato") pursuant to Art. 135-undecies TUF, where	
	permitted by and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force at the	
	time, according to the provisions of the notice of callAttendance rights and	
1	exercise of voting rights during the shareholders' meeting are governed by law	
	and the terms indicated in the notice of call. Proxies and sub-proxies may also	
	be granted to the proxy agent appointed by the Company pursuant to Art. 135-	
	novies TUF.	



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	If the Board of Directors has established in the notice of call that participation	
	in the shareholders' meeting and the exercise of voting rights are not to take	
	place exclusively through the proxy agent, then participation and vote casting	
	are governed by law. In such case, T those in possession of voting rights may	
	be represented via a written proxy submitted in accordance with the law. The	
	proxy may be made via e-mail, in accordance with specific regulations issued	
	by the Ministry of Justice, as per the terms and conditions indicated in the	
	notice of call. The related documents will be held in Company archives.	
	Art. 11 = The shareholders' meeting is presided over by the Chairman of the	
	Board of Directors or, if absent or unable, by another person elected by	
	majority vote of the meeting's participants. The Chairman is assisted by a	
	secretary, who need not be a shareholder and who is appointed in the same	
	way.	
	Art. 12 = The formation of shareholders' meetings and validity of their	
	resolutions, both in ordinary and extraordinary session, are governed by law.	
	Art. 13 = 1. — Pursuant to article 127-quinquies of Legislative Decree. 58/1998,	
	("TUF") Each share entitles the holder to one vote, except as specified below.	
	2 , Eeach share held by the same party by virtue of a qualifying in rem right	
	(the full owner ("pieno proprietario") of a share being entitled to the attached	
	voting right; (ii) the bare owner ("nudo proprietario") of a share being entitled	
	to the attached voting right; and (iii) the usufructuary ("usufruttuario") of a share	
	being entitled to the attached voting right), for an uninterrupted period of ne	
	less than 24 (twenty-four) months starting from the certified by continuous	
	registration, for the same period, on the special register referred to in this	
	article, shall be awarded 2 (two) date of registration on the list contemplated in	



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	paragraph 2 below shall be assigned two votes. Parties entitled to the voting	
	right may irrevocably waive, fully or in part, the increased votes for the shares	
	they hold.	
	To the extent permitted by the law in force from time to time, an additional 1	
	(one) vote shall also be attributed at the expiration of the period of 12 (twelve)	
	months following the expiration of the period of 24 (twenty-four) months	
	mentioned above, to each share belonging (by virtue of a qualifying in rem	
	right) to the same person on the prescribed register, up to a total maximum of	
	10 (ten) votes per share (collectively: "Increased Voting Rights	
	Condition").2. — The fulfilment of the conditions for attribution of the increase	
	vote is verified by the management body – and, on its behalf, by the Chairman	
	or Executive Directors, also through appropriately delegated Proxies, - based	
	on the results of a specific list ("List") kept by the Company, in compliance with	
	the current laws and regulations, in line with the provisions below:	
	It is understood that the establishment of a pledge with preservation of the	
	voting right in the hands of the holder of the qualifying in rem right does not	
	result in the loss of the Increased Voting Rights Condition.	
	3. – Where the Increased Voting Rights Condition is fulfilled, the right holder	
	shall be entitled to exercise in the manner provided for by applicable law:	
	(i) 2 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 24 months;	
	(ii) 3 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 36 months;	
	(iii) 4 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 48 months;	
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	(iv) 5 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 60 months;	
	(v) 6 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 72 months; and	
	(vi) 7 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 84 months;	
	(vii) 8 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 96 months;	
	(viii) 9 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied	
	for an uninterrupted period of 108 months;	
	(i) 10 votes per share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is	
	satisfied for an uninterrupted period of at least 120 months.a)	
	shareholders intending to register on the List shall provide the	
	Company with the certification required by Article 83-quinquies,	
	Paragraph 3 of TUF;	
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	4. – b) the Company shall record the registration into the List by the 15 th day of the month following the one during which the shareholder's request –	
	complete with the aforementioned certification - was received;	
	By way of partial derogation for the provisions of paragraph 3 above, and in	
	accordance with the provisions of Art. 127-quinquies, 2 nd paragraph, last	
	sentence, TUF, those right holder who, on the date of registration with the	
	competent Companies Register of the resolution of the extraordinary	
	shareholders' meeting of the Company of [April 30th,] 2024, by which this article	
	was amended ("Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting Registration Date"),	
	have already accrued the benefit of the double vote and continue to satisfy the	



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	Increased Voting Rights Condition, the additional period for the accrual of the	
	additional votes shall run from the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting	
	Registration Date. Such persons will then be entitled to exercise in the manner	
	provided for by the applicable regulations: 3 votes per share if the Increased	
	Voting Rights Condition is satisfied for an uninterrupted period of 12 months	
	from the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting Registration Date; 4 votes per	
	share if the Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied for an uninterrupted	
	period of 24 months from the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting	
	Registration Date and so on, up to a maximum of 10 votes per share if the	
	Increased Voting Rights Condition is satisfied for an uninterrupted period of at	
	least 96 months from the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting Registration	
	<u>Date.</u> c) the List shall include the identification details of the shareholders	
	requesting to be registered and the number of shares for which registration was	
	requested, detailing the relevant transfers and restrictions, as well as the	
	registration date;	
	5. – A special register for the eligibility to benefit from the increased voting	
	rights is established at the Company's registered office, which shall contain at	
	least the information required by applicable law. The Board of Directors	
	appoints the person in charge of the management of such special register,	
	determining by regulation the procedures for the registration, the monitoring of	
	the existence of the Increased Voting Rights Condition and the criteria for the	
	maintenance of the special register (if necessary, even only in electronic form).	
	The person in charge of the management of the special register may provide	
	information (also in electronic form in a commonly used format) on the contents	
	of the special register and each person registered in it shall have the right to	
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	extract a copy, free of charge, of the relevant entries. d) after the registration	
	request: (i) the intermediary shall notify the Company of the transfer of shares	
	with increased voting rights, also in order to comply with the provisions of	
	Article 85-bis of the Issuer Regulation; (ii) the holder of the shares that have	
	been registered into the List - or the owner of the right in rem that confers	
	voting rights - shall promptly notify the Company of any termination of	
	increased voting rights or their relevant prerequisites;	
	e) after twenty-four months from the date of registration into the List and if the	
	relevant prerequisites still apply, each share registered into the List shall	
	allocate two votes in all ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meetings	
	whose record date (pursuant to Art. 83 sexies TUF) occurs after the expiry of	
	the aforementioned twenty-four month deadline;	
	Tf) the special register is updated with intermediaries' notifications, pursuant	
	to the TUF and relevant implementation rules, as well as with any notifications	
	received from shareholders, in compliance with provisions of Article 85-bis,	
	paragraph 4-bis of Consob Resolution No. 11971 dated 14 May 1999 (Issuer	
	Regulation)_;	
	g) the List is updated by the 15 th day of the calendar month following: (i) the	
	event that determines the loss of increased voting rights or the non-vesting	
	of such rights within twenty-four months with subsequent cancellation from	
	the List; or (ii) the vesting of increased voting rights at the expiry of the	
	twenty-four month term from registration into the List, with subsequent	
	registration into a dedicated section of the List which states all identification	
	data for shareholders with increased voting rights, the number of shares	
	with increased voting rights, indicating any relevant transfers and	
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restrictions connected to them, as well as any waivers and the date on	
which increased voting rights were granted;	
h) the List's records can also be made available to shareholders in a commonly	
used electronic format, upon request;	
i) tThe Company shall announce, by publishing them on its website, the	
 names of the shareholders with shareholdings exceeding the thresholds set	
out in article 120, 2 nd paragraph, 2 of TUF, which have requested to be	
registered on the special register, indicating their investments and the date of	
registration on the special register, along with all other information required by	
 current laws and regulations, without prejudice to the other disclosure	
obligations of the holders of relevant shareholdings.	
6. – A person who, as an entitled party pursuant to this article, intends to benefit	
from the increased voting rights has the right to request, at any time, to be	
included in the special register, attaching to the request appropriate	
documentation attesting to the ownership of the qualifying in rem right (or	
ensuring that equivalent documentation is transmitted by the intermediary).	
The person who is registered in the special register has the right to request	
cancellation (in whole or in part) at any time, with the consequent automatic	
loss of (in whole or in part) entitlement to the increased voting rights. The party	
entitled to the increased voting right may, moreover, at any time irrevocably	
waive it (in whole or in part) by written notice sent to the Company, without	
prejudice to any disclosure obligations provided for under applicable law.	
7. – The application for registration in the special register may be submitted	
to the Company at any time, and must be accompanied, under penalty of	
inadmissibility, by the certification required by Art. 83-quinquies, 3 rd paragraph,	



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	TUF and by a certificate signed by the applicant in which:	
	a) in the case of a natural person: the requesting party declares (i) that	
	he/she has full formal and substantial ownership of the voting right by	
	virtue of a qualifying in rem right, as well as (ii) that he/she undertakes	
	to notify the Company of any loss, for whatever reason, of the qualifying	
	in rem right and/or of the related voting right, without delay and, in any	
	case, within ten business days of the date of the loss;	
	b) in the case of a legal person or other entity, even without legal	
	personality: the requesting party declares (i) that it has full formal and	
	substantial ownership of the voting right by virtue of a qualifying in rem	
	right, (ii) that it is subject, where applicable, to control (direct or indirect)	
	by another natural person or other entity with or without legal	
	personality (with indication of all the identifying data of the controlling	
	entity) as well as (iii) to undertake to notify the Company of any loss,	
	for any reason whatsoever, of the qualifying in rem right and/or the	
	related voting right or, if applicable, of the occurred change of control,	
	without delay and, in any case, within ten business days of the date of	
	the loss or, if applicable, of the change of control.	
	The Company shall enter the registration into the special register by the 15th	
	day of the calendar month following the month in which the request was	
	received from the applicant, accompanied by the above-mentioned	
	documentation.	
	8. – In the event that the qualifying in rem right belongs to a legal person or	
	other entity without legal personality which is subject to control, the change of	
	control determines the cancellation of the registration in the special register	



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	(with the consequent loss of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already	
	accrued). If, however, the change of control occurs (i) as a result of a transfer	
	by succession following death or (ii) as a result of a free of charge transfer by	
	virtue of a "family business inheritance agreement" ("patto di famiglia") or (iii)	
	as a result of a free of charge transfer for the constitution and/or endowment	
	of a trust, a parental fund for minors ("fondo patrimoniale") or family foundation	
	whose beneficiaries are the transferor himself/herself or his/hers heirs, the	
	registration in the special register is maintained (with the consequent	
	preservation of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already accrued).	
	9. – In the event that the qualifying in rem right is transferred by (i) succession	
	following death, or (ii) by virtue of a free of charge transfer by virtue of a "family	
	business inheritance agreement" ("patto di famiglia"), or (iii) by virtue of a free	
	of charge transfer for the constitution and/or endowment of a trust, a parental	
	fund for minors ("fondo patrimoniale") or family foundation of which the	
	transferor himself/herself or his/hers heirs are beneficiaries, the successors in	
	title shall be entitled to apply for registration with the same seniority of	
	registration as the natural person of the transferor (with the consequent	
	preservation of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already accrued).	
	10. – In the event that the qualifying in rem right is transferred as a result of	
	the merger or spin-off of an entity that is registered in the special register and	
	is subject to the control of a person, the successor entity has the right to	
	request registration with the same seniority of registration as the predecessor	
	entity if the merger or spin-off has not resulted in a change of control (with the	
	consequent preservation of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already	
	accrued). If the qualifying in rem right is transferred as a result of the merger	



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	or spin-off of an entity that is registered in the special register and is not subject	
	to control, the successor entity has the right to apply for registration with the	
	same seniority of registration as the predecessor entity where the weight of the	
	book value of the Company's shares with respect to the net assets of the	
	successor entity does not exceed five per cent and is not greater than the	
	corresponding weight, on a homogeneous basis, with respect to the net assets	
	of the predecessor entity (with the consequent preservation of the benefit of	
	the increased voting rights if already accrued).	
	11. – Without prejudice to the provisions of the two preceding paragraphs, the	
	transfer of the qualifying in rem right for any reason whatsoever (whether free	
	of charge or against payment), including the constitution or disposal of rights	
	of pledge, usufruct or other encumbrances on the shares by virtue of which the	
	shareholder registered in the special register is deprived of his/hers voting	
	rights, determines the cancellation of the registration in the special register	
	(with the consequent loss of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already	
	accrued).	
	12. – If the Company discovers, also as a result of communications or reports	
	received, that a person registered in the special register is no longer (wholly	
	or partly) entitled to registration for any reason whatsoever under this article, it	
	shall promptly proceed to the consequent (total or partial) cancellation.	
	13 In the event of share capital increase free of charge or by new	
	contributions, the entitlement to the benefit of the increased voting rights shall	
	also extend proportionally to the new shares issued by reason of those already	
	registered in the special register (with the consequent extension of the benefit	
	of the increased voting rights if already accrued).	



The extension of the increased voting rights to newly issued shares will take	
place in such a way as to allow the eligible person to maintain the same	
proportion between the shares benefiting from a certain increased voting right,	
the shares benefiting from a different increased voting right and the shares not	
benefiting from the increased voting rights.	
14. – Except as provided for in the following paragraph, in the event of a merger	
or spin-off of the Company, the draft terms of merger or spin-off may provide	
that the entitlement to the benefit of the increased voting rights shall also apply	
to the shares received in exchange for those shares for which the person	
entitled has requested registration in the special register (with the consequent	
preservation of the benefit of the increased voting rights if already accrued).	
15 Any (ameliorative or pejorative) amendment of the increasing voting	
rights regulation dictated by this article or its abolition does not require the	
approval of any special meeting pursuant to Art. 2376 of the Italian Civil Code,	
but only the approval of the extraordinary shareholders' meeting pursuant to	
<u>law.</u>	
16. – Quorums to convene and to pass resolutions that refer to percentages of	
the share capital are always determined by taking into account any increased	
voting rights that are accrued. On the other hand, the entitlement to exercise	
rights, other than voting rights, due to the possession of certain percentages	
of the share capital shall always be determined disregarding any increased	
voting rights.	
17. – For the purposes of this article, the notion of control is that provided for	
in the regulatory framework for listed issuers.	
3 The transfer of shares against payment or free of charge, including the	



establishment or disposal of partial rights on shares by virtue of which the	
voting right is taken from shareholders registered on the List, or direct or	
indirect sales of controlling shareholdings in companies or entities holding	
shares with increased votes exceeding the threshold set out by Article 120,	
paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree 58/1998, shall result in the loss of the	
increased vote.	
4. — The increased voting right:	
(i) shall be maintained in case of succession pursuant to death and in case	
of the merger or demerger of the holder of the shares;	
(ii) shall extend to newly issued shares in the case of a capital increase	
pursuant to article 2442 of the Italian Civil Code;	
(iii) may also apply to shares assigned in exchange for those to which the	
increased vote is attributed, in the case of merger or demerger, where	
such condition is provided for in the relevant plan;	
(iv) shall also be proportionately extended to the shares issued in execution	
of a capital increase by means of new contributions.	
5. The increased voting right shall also be calculated to determine the	
quorums required for convening and passing resolutions of shareholders'	
meetings referring to share capital quotas, but shall not affect rights other than	
voting rights due as a result of possession of certain capital quotas.	
Art. 14 = The company shall be run by a Board of Directors, comprising	
between three and eleven members, as decided by the shareholders in	
shareholders' meetings.	
Art. 15 = Members of the Board of Directors are appointed for a maximum	
period of three years; they are reappointed and replaced in accordance with	



the law and are eligible for re-election.	
The members of the Board of Directors are elected on the basis of candidate	
lists submitted by individual shareholders and/or groups of shareholders	
owning at least 2.5% of the share capital, or any smaller amount established	
by inviolable provision of law or regulation.	
The members of the Board of Directors must possess the professionalism,	
honourability and independence required under the law; in particular, at least	
one member of the Board of Directors, or two if the Board has more than seven	
members, must meet the independence criteria established for Statutory	
Auditors by the law in effect at that time.	
Loss of independent status will require the Director to step down, but without	
prejudice to the obligation to notify the Board of Directors immediately, that	
principle does not apply if independent status is still held by the minimum	
number of Directors required to meet such criteria by the law in effect at that	
time.	
The Board of Directors is appointed based on the lists presented in accordance	
with the subsequent paragraphs and in compliance with the law in effect at the	
time relating to gender equality, rounding up, based on the rules provided for	
by the law (as well as the regulation) in effect at the time, the number of the	
least represented gender in the event application of the gender quotas does	
not result in a whole number.	
The lists which contain a number of candidates equal to or more than three	
must be composed of both genders in accordance with the quotas established	
under the law in effect (rounding up, based on the rules provided for by the law	
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	number).	
	One member of the Board of Directors is elected from the minority list obtaining	
	the highest number of votes which is not associated, even indirectly, with the	
	shareholders who have submitted or voted for the winning list.	
	The lists must specify which candidates qualify as independent as defined by	
	the law and the Articles of Association, which shareholders submitted the lists,	
	and the percentage of shares they cumulatively hold.	
	For the purposes of selecting the winning candidates, account is not taken of	
	lists that fail to obtain a percentage of votes equal to at least half that required	
	for the submission of lists.	
	The lists submitted, on which the candidates are numbered sequentially, must	
	be filed at the company's registered office at least twenty-five days before the	
	date set for the shareholders' meeting.	
	The lists will be published on the Company's website, as well as in accordance	
	with the methods indicated in Consob regulations pursuant to Art. 147-ter,	
	paragraph 1-bis of Legislative Decree. 58/1998TUF at least twenty-one days	
	prior to the date of the meeting. Each shareholder who submits a list or is party	
	to a list must submit the certificate issued by the authorized intermediary, by	
	the legal deadline set for the Company's publication of said lists.	
	Each shareholder may submit or take part in the submission of one list only.	
1	Shareholders who are members of a single voting syndicate, as defined by Art.	
	122 of Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998 (TUF) and its amendments,	
	and likewise the parent company, subsidiaries and sister companies, may	
	submit or take part in the submission of a single list. Participation and votes	
	expressed in violation of the above will not be attributed to any list.	



Attached to each list shall be a description of the candidates' professional	
background, information on their personal traits and professional	
qualifications, and statements in which the individual candidates agree to run	
and declare, under their own responsibility, the absence of causes of	
ineligibility and disqualification, their fulfilment of the prerequisites required by	
law or the company's Articles of Association and, if applicable, their status as	
independent pursuant to current regulations.	
Any lists that fail to observe the above conditions will be treated as never	
submitted.	
Each candidate may appear on one list only or will be disqualified.	
All open directorships are filled from the list obtaining the majority of votes cast,	
in the order in which candidates are listed, with the exception of one	
directorship which is filled by the first candidate with independent status on the	
list receiving the second highest number of votes which is not associated, even	
indirectly, with the shareholders who have submitted or voted for the winning	
list.	
The above rules for electing the Board of Directors do not apply if at least two	
lists have not been submitted or voted for, or at shareholders' meetings called	
to replace Directors during their term of office.	
If a single list is submitted, the procedure described above is disregarded and	
the shareholders resolve, with the majority votes required by law, to fill all open	
directorships (in the number previously determined by the shareholders) from	
that list in the order in which the candidates are presented; at least as many	
 shareholders as are required by the law in effect at that time must qualify as	
independent pursuant to Art. 148, paragraph 3. of Legislative Decree 58 of 24	



	February 1998 (TUF).	
	In the event that after the list voting or voting for the only list presented is	
	completed the composition of the Board of Directors fails to comply with the	
	law relating to gender balance, the last candidate elected with the greatest	
	number of votes, based on the order in which he/she appears on the list, will	
	be substituted by the first candidate of the least represented gender not elected	
	on the same list, based on the order in which they appear. This procedure will	
	be adhered to until it is assured that the composition of the Board of Directors	
	complies with the law in force at the time with regard to gender balance.	
	If no lists are submitted or if the preference list system produces fewer	
	candidates than the minimum number of Directors stated in the Articles of	
	Association, and in the event that through list voting the number of directors of	
	the least represented gender fails to comply with the law in force at the time,	
	the Board of Directors is elected or completed, respectively, by the majority	
	votes established by law, as long as the gender balance called for in the current	
	law is achieved and as long as the presence of the minimum number of	
	directors qualifying as independent under the law in effect at the time is	
	guaranteed.	
	If one or more Directors leaves office during the year, for any reason, the	
	remaining Directors shall proceed in accordance with Art. 2386 of the Italian	
	Civil Code. If one or more of the outgoing Directors was elected from a list that	
	also included candidates who were not elected, the Board of Directors shall	
	replace the Director(s) by appointing, in sequential order, the person(s) on the	
	list to which the former Director belonged who is/are still eligible and willing to	
	accept the position. Should an Independent Director leave office, the position	



	will be filled, if possible, by the first independent candidate not elected from the	
	list to which the outgoing Director belonged. In any case the Board will appoint	
	the number of independent directors needed to ensure compliance with the	
	law in effect at the time relating to the total number of independent directors	
	and gender quotas.	
	If the Board of Directors loses a majority of its members due to resignation or	
	any other cause, the entire Board shall leave office and a shareholders'	
	meeting shall be called without delay to fill all positions by vote.	
	The Board of Directors shall remain in office only for the conduct of acts of	
	ordinary administration until the shareholders' meeting has decided on the new	
	Directors and the majority of the new Directors have accepted their	
	appointment.	
	Art. 16 = If the shareholders' meeting has not already done so at the time of	
	appointing or reappointing the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors elects	
	a Chairman from among its members every time it is appointed or reappointed	
	and, if it deems so fit, a Vice Chairman authorized to act as the Chairman's	
	Deputy.	
	The Board of Directors may also appoint a secretary who need not be a	
	shareholder.	
	Art. 17 = Board meetings are held either at the company's registered office or	
	elsewhere, every time the Chairman, or his or her deputy, deems so fit, or	
	when either at least one Statutory Auditor or at least one of the Directors so	
	requests.	
	Pursuant to Art. 2388, 1st paragraph, of the Italian Civil Code, participation in	
	Board meetings may take place by means of telecommunication systems,	
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within the limits set in the notice of call of the meeting and in the manner	
permitted by the person chairing the meeting. The notice of call of the meeting	
may provide that the Board meeting is to be held exclusively by means of	
telecommunications systems, omitting the indication of the physical location of	
the meeting. The Board of Directors may also meet by teleconference, as long	
as all participants can be identified and are permitted to follow and participate	
in the discussion in real time. In this case, the meeting is considered to have	
been held in the place where the Chairman is and where the secretary must	
also be located for the purposes of drawing up and signing the minutes in the	
minute book.	
Board meetings are validly formed if attended by at least half of the Directors,	
while resolutions are passed by majority vote of the Directors in attendance; in	
the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.	
Art. 18 = Board meetings are called by the Chairman, or his Deputy, by	
telecommunications means (including email), letter to be sent to the domicile	
of each Director and Statutory Auditor at least five days in advance of the	
meeting. In urgent cases meetings may be called at least one day in advance.	
by telegram, telex, fax or electronic mail with proof of receipt. If the company	
is listed on the stock market, the Board of Directors or Executive Committee,	
if appointed, may also be called by the Board of Statutory Auditors, or by two	
members of the same, after giving prior notice to the Chairman of the Board of	
Directors.	
Art. 19 = Unless otherwise decided by the shareholders' meeting at the time	
of appointing the Board of Directors, the latter is invested, within the limits	
established by law, with the broadest powers for the company's ordinary and	



extraordinary administration, and of decision without any restriction, including	
the power to give guarantees and sureties to third parties, as allowed by	
paragraph 5, Article 2 of these Articles of Association.	
Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 2420-ter and 2443 of the Italian	
Civil Code, the Board of Directors shall have exclusive authority for passing	
resolutions, nonetheless in accordance with Article 2436 of the Italian Civil	
Code, to open and close secondary offices, to specify which one of the	
directors shall be the company's representative, to reduce share capital in the	
event of shareholder withdrawal, to amend the articles of association for	
regulatory changes, to transfer the registered office within Italy, and to approve	
mergers in the cases described in Articles 2505 and 2505-bis of the Italian Civil	
Code, including as referenced with regard to demergers in Art. 2506 ter.	
The Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors shall receive a report	
at least once every three months during directors' meetings that covers the	
business general performance, its outlook and the transactions of greatest	
impact on profitability, assets and liabilities and financial position, with	
particular regard to transactions in which the Directors have a direct or third-	
party interest and which are influenced by any party that directs and	
coordinates the company. This report, which also refers to the company's	
subsidiaries, may also be presented by those Directors with executive powers.	
For the sake of timeliness, the report to the Board of Statutory Auditors may	
also be made directly or during meetings of the Executive Committee.	
Art. 20 = The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Vice Chairman, and any	
Executive Director(s) shall represent the company individually before third	
parties and in a court of law and shall be entitled to sign on its behalf.	



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These persons, again on an individual basis, are delegated with the power to	
decide regarding legal actions, including appeals and annulments, and to act	
as plaintiff and defendant and appoint lawyers in civil, criminal and	
administrative proceedings, with the power to abandon such proceedings,	
reach settlements, and accept arbitration judgments and friendly agreements.	
Art. 21 = The Board of Directors may delegate its functions and powers, within	
the limits set by Article 2381 of the Italian Civil Code, to a committee consisting	
of some of its members, to the Chairman or to another of its members,	
including on a cumulative basis, establishing the related remuneration. The	
Board of Directors is also entitled to appoint managers and attorneys for	
specific deeds or categories of deed.	
The Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Committee, may set up one	
or more committees, with purely consultative and/or proposal-making	
functions, such as for example a Remuneration Committee for Directors	
invested with particular duties and for determining the policy to apply to the	
company's top management, which shall consist primarily of non-executive	
Directors and provide the Board with suitable recommendations, and an	
Internal Control Committee, on which a suitable number of non-executive	
Directors sit, who act in a consultative capacity and make recommendations	
particularly with regard to reports by the Independent Auditors and persons	
responsible for internal control and the choice of and work performed by the	
Independent Auditors.	
Art. 22 = The Directors are entitled to be reimbursed for any expenses incurred	
in connection with their office.	
The shareholders' meeting may also grant them extraordinary or periodic	



indemnity and remuneration, including in relation to profits.	
Art. 23 = The Board of Directors, subject to the mandatory but non-binding	
opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors, appoints the Manager charged with	
preparing company's financial reports in accordance with Art. 154 bis of	
Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998 (TUF).	
Those eligible for the position of financial reporting officer are executives with	
at least three years' executive-level experience in administration/accounting	
and/or finance and/or control at the company and/or its subsidiaries and/or	
other joint-stock corporations.	
Art. 24 = The Board of Statutory Auditors consists of three standing members	
and two alternate members, who satisfy the requirements (including those	
regarding experience, integrity and number of positions held and those defined	
by the law in effect at the time relating to gender balance) stated in laws and	
regulations.	
In the event that after applying the Law the gender quotas fail to reach a whole	
number; the number of the least represented gender must be rounded up	
based on the rules provided for by the law (as well as the regulation) in effect	
at the time.	
As regards to the requirement of experience, for the purposes of paragraph 3,	
Article 1 of Ministerial Decree 162 of 30 March 2000 with reference to	
paragraph 2 letters b) and c) of said article, "matters strictly associated with	
the company's activities" mean commercial law, company law,	
microeconomics, public finance and statistics as well as topics relating to the	
field of medicine and electronic engineering and disciplines with the same or	
similar purpose, while "sectors of activity strictly associated with the sectors in	



which the company operates" mean the sectors of producing, wholesaling and	
retailing the instruments, equipment and products mentioned in Article 2	
above.	
The ordinary shareholders' meeting elects the Board of Statutory Auditors and	
decides its remuneration.	
Apart from the duties envisaged by current legal requirements, the Board of	
Statutory Auditors is entitled to express non-binding opinions on the	
information received from the Board of Directors concerning transactions	
carried out by the company or its subsidiaries having a significant impact on	
profitability, assets and liabilities and financial position, and on related-party	
transactions.	
The Statutory Auditors are domiciled at the company's registered office for their	
entire term in office.	
The minority shareholders are entitled to elect one standing member of the	
Board of Statutory Auditors and one alternate member.	
The Board of Statutory Auditors is appointed on the basis of lists submitted by	
individual shareholders or groups of shareholders who together hold voting	
shares representing at least 2% of the share capital with voting rights at the	
ordinary shareholders' meeting, subscribed to as of the date the list is	
submitted, or representing a smaller percentage established by inviolable	
provision of law or regulation.	
The lists must contain the names of the candidates, numbered sequentially,	
who may not exceed the number of Statutory Auditors to be elected.	
The lists must include candidates for Standing and Alternate Auditor of both	
genders in order to ensure the gender balance called for under the law in effect	



	at the time. The Standing Auditors elected are the first and second candidates	
	on the list obtaining the highest number of votes and the candidate obtaining	
	the highest number of votes from among the minority lists. The alternate	
	auditors elected are the first alternate candidate on the list obtaining the	
	highest number of votes and the first alternate candidate on the minority list	
	obtaining the highest number of votes. No shareholder, either individually or in	
	conjunction with others, may submit more than one list and no shareholder, or	
	any other party entitled to vote, may vote for more than one list either directly	
	or through intermediaries. In addition, shareholders which: i) pursuant to Art.	
	93 of Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998 (TUF) are in a relationship of	
,	control with one another or are controlled by the same party, even if the	
	controlling party is a natural person; ii) are party to a shareholders' agreement	
	relevant under the terms of Art. 122 of Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February	
	1998 (TUF); or iii) are party to a shareholders' agreement and are, as defined	
·	by the law, parent companies, subsidiaries or sister companies of another	
	shareholder in the trust, may not submit, alone or in conjunction with others,	
	more than one list or vote for different lists. Participation and votes expressed	
	in violation of the above will not be attributed to any list.	
	The lists must be filed at the company's registered office at least twenty-five	
	days before the date set for the shareholders' meeting and published in	
	accordance with the methods provided for at law and in current regulations at	
	least twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting. Each shareholder who	
	submits a list or is party to a list must submit the certificate issued by the	
	authorized intermediaries, together with the lists, by the legal deadline set for	
	the Company's publication of said lists, along with a declaration, under his/her	



own responsibility, that there are no connections with the other lists presented,	
pursuant to applicable norms and regulations.	
Each list must be accompanied by a description of each candidate's career,	
personal traits and professional qualifications and by declarations in which	
each candidate accepts his/her candidacy and confirms, under his/her own	
responsibility, that there are no reasons why he/she may be ineligible for	
election or his/her election incompatible and that he/she possesses the	
requirements established by law and these Articles of Association.	
Notice of the lists and of their accompanying information shall be given in the	
forms required by regulations in effect at the time.	
Any lists that fail to observe the above conditions will be treated as never	
submitted.	
Each candidate may appear on one list only or will be disqualified.	
The lists with three or more candidates must include candidates of both	
genders so that the quota of candidates, provided for by the law in effect at the	
time, belongs to the least represented gender (with rounding up, in case of	
fractional number, according to the provisions of the law - including regulations	
- in effect at the time).	
The following persons may not be elected as Statutory Auditors and, if elected,	
lose office: a) persons who do not satisfy the requirements established by the	
applicable legislation and b) persons who are standing members of the Board	
of Statutory Auditors at more than five companies listed on organized markets	
in Italy.	
The members of the Board of Statutory Auditors are elected as follows:	
- from the list obtaining the highest number of votes, two regular auditors and	



one alternate auditor will be taken in the order in which they are presented on	
the list;	
- the third standing member of the Board of Statutory Auditors, who serves as	
its Chairman, and the other alternate member are elected in order of	
appearance from the list with the second largest number of votes which is not	
associated, even indirectly, with the shareholders who submitted or voted for	
the winning list, or with shareholders who submitted or voted for the list per the	
preceding paragraph.	
For purposes of electing the minority auditor in accordance with the above	
paragraph, in the event of a tie between lists, the prevailing list is that submitted	
by shareholders owning the greatest cumulative interest or, as a secondary	
measure, by the greatest number of shareholders, without prejudice to the law	
in effect at the time relating to gender balance.	
In the event of a tie between two or more lists, provided none of the lists is	
associated, even indirectly, with the shareholders who submitted or voted for	
the other, a new ballot is held between these lists on which all shareholders	
present in shareholders' meeting shall vote. The candidates on the list winning	
a simple majority of votes shall be elected.	
In the event of death, waiver or loss of office by a member of the Board of	
Statutory Auditors, the alternate member belonging to the same list as the	
outgoing auditor shall take up office, without prejudice to the law in effect at	
the time relating to gender balance.	
In the event of replacing the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the	
chair is taken by the other standing member on the same list as the outgoing	
Chairman; if, due to previous or concurrent departures from office, it is not	



possible to make the replacement in accordance with the above principles, a	
shareholders' meeting will be called to appoint the missing members.	
If, in accordance with the preceding paragraph or with law, the shareholders'	
meeting is required to appoint missing standing and/or alternate members of	
the Board of Statutory Auditors, it shall act as follows: if it is a question of	
replacing standing members elected on the majority list, the appointment is	
made by majority vote, choosing where possible from the candidates	
appearing in the list to which the member being replaced belonged, without	
prejudice to the law in effect at the time relating to gender balance.	
If just one list has been submitted, the shareholders' meeting casts its vote on	
that list; if the list gets the relative majority, the first three candidates appearing	
on it are elected as standing members of the Board of Statutory Auditors,	
without prejudice to the law in effect at the time relating to gender balance,	
while the fourth and fifth names are appointed as alternate members; the	
Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors is the first candidate appearing on	
the list presented; in the event of death, waiver or loss of office by a standing	
member of the Board of Statutory Auditors or replacement of its Chairman,	
their place is taken respectively by the alternate member and standing member	
next appearing on the list.	
In the event that the above mentioned procedures do not guarantee that the	
number of standing auditors complies with the law in effect at the time relating	
to gender balance, the necessary substitutions will be made from the list that	
obtained the greatest number of votes based on the sequential order in which	
the candidates were listed.	
If, by the deadline for submitting lists, the company has received a single list	



or only lists submitted by shareholders who are "associated" with one another	
as defined in regulations issued by the Commissione Nazionale per le Società	
e la Borsa (CONSOB), lists may be presented by the end of the extended	
 period where provided for. In this case, the minimum share ownership required	
for the submission of lists for the election of statutory auditors is reduced by	
half.	
These circumstances and this possibility will be announced in accordance with	
the law.	
In the absence of lists, the Board of Statutory Auditors and its Chairman are	
elected by the shareholders' meeting with the majorities stated by law.	
 Outgoing statutory auditors may be re-elected.	
Art. 25 = The company's financial year ends on the 31 st (thirty-first) of	
December of every year.	
Art. 26 = After allocating a portion of net profit to the legal reserve, until this	
reaches one-fifth of share capital, the rest of net profit shall be distributed to	
the shareholders, unless the shareholders' meeting decides otherwise.	
The dividends shall be paid by authorized intermediaries in accordance with	
the terms established by the shareholders' meeting, pursuant to prevailing	
legal requirements. The Board of Directors may vote to distribute advances on	
the dividends in the circumstances and manner established by Article 2433-	
bis of the Italian Civil Code and by Article 158 of Legislative Decree	
58/1998TUF.	
Dividends not collected within five years of the date they become payable shall	
revert to the company.	
Art. 27 = In the event of winding up and liquidating the company and generally	

