

Plant2Food Rules for Eligibility

Steering Group:

1. Disqualification:

- a) Members of the Plant2Food Steering Group are considered disqualified if a member has a:
 - i. Personal
 - ii. Professional or
 - iii. Financial

interest in the outcome of the application.

For example, if the member is employed in the same organization as the applicants, if the member has a current collaboration with applicants, or if the member has a family relationship to the applicant.

In this context, family relationships are defined as:

- i. Children, grandchildren
- ii. Parents, brothers, sisters
- iii. Spouses, partners, cohabitants

2. Procedure in case of ineligibility:

- a) Members shall notify the Plant2Food secretariat of any ineligibility within 10 working days after receiving the applications to be decided upon.
- b) The Plant2Food Secretariat will handle all cases regarding ineligibility.
- c) In case of ineligibility, members are prohibited from participating in the decision process and shall leave the room while the decision is taking place. Ineligible members are prohibited from discussing material with other members and/or alternates.
- d) Clause 2.c. does not apply if the Steering Group is not quorate, and the processing cannot be postponed without significant damage to the interest of Plant2Food.
 - a. In this case, the decision will rely on the assessment from the Review Committee.
 - b. The member with the least relation in the application will remain eligible for the decision cf. 2.b.

Review Committee

1. Disqualification:

- b) Members of the Plant2Food Review Committee are considered disqualified in reviewing an application if they have
 - i. Personal
 - ii. Professional or
 - iii. Financial

interest in the outcome of the application. For example, if the member is a close colleague to the applicant, is employed in the same scientific or professional team as the applicant, if the member supervises the applicant, or if the member has a family relationship to the applicant. In this context, family relationships are defined as:

- i. Children, grandchildren, etc.
- ii. Parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews
- iii. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc., and
- iv. Spouses, partners, cohabitants and their parents, brothers, sisters, children, etc.

2. Procedure in case of ineligibility:

- a) Members shall notify the Plant2Food secretariat of any ineligibility or potential conflict of interest regarding themselves or other members within 10 working days after receiving the applications to be assessed.
- b) The Plant2Food Secretariat will handle all cases regarding ineligibility.
- c) In case of ineligibility, members are prohibited from participating in the decision process and shall leave the room while the decision is taking place. Ineligible members are prohibited from discussing material with other members.
- d) Clause 2.c. does not apply if the Review Committee is not quorate, and the processing cannot be postponed without significant damage to the interest of Plant2Food.
 - a. In this case, the decision will rely on the assessment from the Specialist Reviewers.
 - b. The member with the least relation in the application will remain eligible for the decision cf. 2.b.