

# 1 Constitution

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## 3 ORGANISATION

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5 The name of the organisation shall be:

6 “The CIMAC UK National Members’ Association” (CIMAC UK NMA).

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8 CIMAC was founded in France in 1951. The acronym is derived from the  
9 original French title: Conseil International des Machines à Combustion, which  
10 translated means *INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON COMBUSTION ENGINES*

11 CIMAC is a centralised organisation operated by the VDMA of Germany and  
12 supported by CIMAC UK NMA and the National Member Associations of other  
13 Member States.

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15 The CIMAC UK NMA is registered as a non-profit organisation to simplify its  
16 operation by non-paid committee members. It is not liable for VAT registration.

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## 19 AIMS

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21 The aims of the CIMAC UK NMA are to:

- 22 • Encourage and promote the sharing and exchange of information and  
23 expertise in the field of combustion engine technology and ancillary  
24 systems related to large engines

- 25 • Organise meetings and events for the benefit of the members
- 26 • Provide a channel for communication about the activities of Central
- 27 CIMAC to members
- 28 • Encourage active participation of members in CIMAC Working Groups,
- 29 CIMAC Congress, CIMAC Circles, CIMAC CASCADES and CIMAC UK
- 30 NMA events
- 31 • Bid for hosting of CIMAC International Events in UK when appropriate and
- 32 participate in their organisation and execution
- 33 • Participate in CIMAC Council Meetings
- 34 • Collect and manage CIMAC UK NMA membership fees annually
- 35 • Pay Central CIMAC National Member Association fees annually
- 36 • Provide members with access to the CIMAC Central website and the
- 37 CIMAC Technical database

38 These aims are achieved by the involvement of industry leaders, by  
39 organisation of international congresses, by CIMAC publications, through  
40 the activities of its committees and working groups, and by any other means  
41 which CIMAC might think desirable to employ. In particular, CIMAC provides  
42 a forum for technical interchange with all parties concerned with piston  
43 engine and gas turbine systems. Furthermore, CIMAC promotes the  
44 development of combustion engines and their applications. Activities of a  
45 purely commercial nature are excluded unless specifically approved by the  
46 Council.

47 The organisation's activities and the provision of association services for its  
48 membership must be in line with the rules that ensure undistorted  
49 competition. To ensure that its work fulfils all the requirements of

50 competition law, CIMAC and its membership are committed to the 'CIMAC  
51 Compliance Programme', decided by resolution of the Council.

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### 53 **POWERS**

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55 To further these aims the CIMAC UK NMA committee shall have the power to:

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57 (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of membership fees,  
58 donations, grants and any other lawful method to meet the aims of the CIMAC  
59 UK NMA and to cover its costs.

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61 (b) Collaborate with companies and other associations in a common effort to  
62 carry out the aims of the CIMAC UK NMA.

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64 (c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the CIMAC UK NMA.

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### 66 **MEMBERSHIP**

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68 (a) Application for voting membership shall be open to anyone who has a  
69 professional connection with the Large Combustion Engine Industry and who  
70 supports the aims of the CIMAC UK NMA.

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72 CIMAC UK NMA shall not refuse an application on the grounds of race, sexual  
73 orientation, religion or political views. It may however, expel any member for  
74 behaviour likely to bring the CIMAC UK NMA into disrepute.

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76 (b) The CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee shall have the power to  
77 approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership  
78 of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by  
79 the committee before a final decision is made.

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81 (c) There will be a membership fee payable on joining the CIMAC UK NMA,  
82 annually renewable at the discretion of the management Committee. The fee  
83 will be set by the committee.

84 (d) All members shall enjoy full voting rights at CIMAC UK NMA General  
85 Meetings and elections.

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## 87 **MANAGEMENT**

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89 (a) A Management Committee elected annually at the CIMAC UK NMA  
90 Annual General Meeting shall manage the CIMAC UK NMA.

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92 (b) The CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee shall consist of a chair,  
93 secretary and treasurer and at least one other voting member.

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95 (c) The CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee may co-opt up to a further  
96 5 voting members who shall resign at the next CIMAC UK NMA Annual General  
97 Meeting.

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99 (d) The CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee shall meet at least two

100 times each year.

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102 (e) At least 3 CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee members must be  
103 present at a CIMAC UK NMA Committee meeting to be able to make decisions.

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105 (f) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.

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107 **GENERAL MEETINGS**

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109 (a) A CIMAC UK NMA Annual General Meeting shall be held within 12 months  
110 of the date of the adoption of this constitution and annually thereafter.

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112 (b) Notices of the CIMAC UK NMA Annual General Meeting shall be  
113 published three weeks beforehand and a report on the CIMAC UK NMA  
114 financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time.

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116 (c) A CIMAC UK NMA Special General Meeting may be called at any time at  
117 the request of the CIMAC UK NMA committee, or not less than one quarter of  
118 the general membership. A notice explaining the place, date, time and reason  
119 shall be sent to all members three weeks beforehand.

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121 (d) One third of membership or four members being present, whichever is the  
122 greater, shall enable a CIMAC UK NMA General Meeting to take place.

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124 (e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the

125 secretary at least 28 days before a CIMAC UK NMA general meeting and  
126 approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

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## 128 **ACCOUNTS**

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130 (a) The funds of the group including all donations, contributions and  
131 bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the management  
132 committee. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two  
133 members of the CIMAC UK NMA Management Committee.

134 (b) The funds belonging to the group shall be applied only to further the aims  
135 of the group.

136 (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.

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## 138 **DISSOLUTION**

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140 (a) The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two-thirds  
141 majority of those present and voting at a CIMAC UK NMA Special General  
142 Meeting.

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144 (b) If confirmed, the committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the  
145 payment of all bills to other group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to  
146 the Group or some other charitable purpose(s) as the Group may decide.

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148 (c) Signed by Chair..... Date.....

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151 Signed by Secretary..... Date.....

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154 Signed by Treasurer..... Date.....

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