



## CONSTITUTION OF GUT HEALTH ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the Gut Health Association of South Africa (GHASASA).

Section 2. Purpose: The primary purpose of the GHASA is to educate the public on gut health and to promote products that do not damage the gut microbiome or the lining of the gut. The GHASA will verify that products meet the product specifications above and follow food safety manufacturing processes GMP. The secondary objective of the GHASA is to help members of GHASA in the following ways: certification of products that meet the above requirements with a Gut Friendly logo being added to their approved products, to help their businesses grow by driving sales (through retailers, markets, Gut Bar website and online through social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram).

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility: Membership in the GHASA shall be open to any individual or organization that produces products that meet the product specifications of the GHASA. Membership in the GHASA shall be open to any individual or organization that provide services that meet the mandates of the GHASA.

Section 2. Membership Requirements: Members must produce products that do not damage the gut microbiome or the lining of the gut, and must follow food safety manufacturing processes GMP. Members that provide services must provide services that do not damage the gut microbiome or the lining of the gut and be registered service providers with the relevant qualifications, registered with the authority over their service and practise.

Section 3. Dues: Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be due monthly or annually.

### ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 1. Composition: The Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) members and no more than seven (7) members, all of whom shall be elected by the members of the GHASA.

Section 2. Powers and Duties: The Board of Directors shall have the power and duty to manage the affairs and property of the GHASA, and to carry out the purposes and objectives of the GHASA.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The GHASA shall hold an annual meeting of the members at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the GHASA may be called by the Board of Directors or by written request of at least ten percent (10%) of the members.

#### ARTICLE V: CERTIFICATION AND PRODUCT LOGO

Section 1. Certification: The GHASA shall certify products and services that meet the above requirements with a Gut Friendly logo being added to their approved products and services.

#### ARTICLE VI: ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS

Section 1. Food Safety Audit: The GHASA will assist members to complete their food safety audit through a paid for 12 and 24 month program.

Section 2. Training: The GHASA in collaboration with Action Coach will provide discounts on training for members.



Section 3. Shared Services: The GHASA will work together with members to create shared services in logistics, training, suppliers, website development and growing online awareness of gut health and companies and products that align with the GHASA's vision where possible.

#### ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any annual or special meeting of the GHASA, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.