

South African Feedlot Association (SAFA)

Constitution – Summary

1. What is SAFA?

SAFA is a non-profit industry association representing the South African feedlot sector and broader red meat value chain.

It operates as a separate legal entity, meaning:

- It exists independently from its members
- It owns its own assets

Members do not have ownership rights over SAFA's funds or property

2. Purpose of SAFA

SAFA exists to support, represent, and advance the feedlot industry by:

- Promoting members' interests
- Engaging with government on policy, legislation, and market access
- Sharing industry information and insights
- Supporting ethical and compliant business practices
- Strengthening the overall red meat value chain

3. Membership

SAFA consists of:

- Ordinary Members (primarily feedlots)
- Associate Members (aligned stakeholders)

The SAFA constitution does have minimum requirements:

1. You need to have an existing feedlot with a minimum of 600 standing cattle and 2400 small-stock (sheep)
2. Market an average of a 1000 cattle per annum or
3. Market 1400 small stock per month over a period of 12 months
4. Feed animals on a continues basis throughout the year

Important:

Membership is voluntary, and each member operates independently.

4. Governance (How SAFA is run)

SAFA is managed by an Executive Committee (Exco) elected by members.

Exco is responsible for:

- Decision-making
- Strategic direction
- Oversight of operations



5. Non-Profit Nature

SAFA operates strictly as a non-profit organisation:

- All income is used to support industry objectives
- No profits are distributed to members or committee members
- Payments are only made for legitimate services or expenses

6. Powers of SAFA

SAFA may:

- Enter into agreements and partnerships
- Employ staff and service providers
- Own assets and manage funds
- Engage in projects that support its objectives

SAFA may not:

- Provide financial benefit to members or Exco members
- Act outside its non-profit mandate

7. Rules and Operations

- SAFA may adopt rules to manage operational matters.
- These rules are set and updated by the Executive Committee.

8. Competition & Confidentiality

- Members must comply with South African competition laws
- No sharing of confidential or sensitive business information between members
- SAFA promotes fair competition and ethical conduct

9. Industry Representation

SAFA:

- Represents members at industry and government level
- Supports engagement on:
 - Animal health
 - Trade and market access
 - Policy and regulation

10. Dissolution (If SAFA closes)

- No member receives any financial benefit
- Remaining funds must go to:
 - Another non-profit organisation
 - Or a public benefit entity or government

11. Association Membership Criteria

SAFA's internal membership requirements are designed to ensure industry standards, traceability, and biosecurity. These include:

- Ownership or operation of an existing feedlot
- Continuous feeding of cattle and/or sheep throughout the year
- Minimum standing **capacity** of 600 cattle or 2,400 sheep
- Payment of annual membership fees
- Voluntary membership

These requirements are not regulatory in nature and do not restrict market entry, as non-members are not prohibited from operating in the industry. Rather, they serve to maintain quality standards and industry coordination.



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Key Takeaway

SAFA is a member-driven, non-profit platform that:

- Represents the feedlot industry
- Supports collaboration and information sharing
- Engages with government and stakeholders
- Strengthens the sustainability and competitiveness of the sector

SAFA supports its members — it does not control them.