



POOLING STRENGTHS TO PROMOTE FOOD SAFETY AND HEALTH.







TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD, TOO?

The German Association of the Fruit, Vegetable and Potato Processing Industry (BOGK) is the voice of the sixth largest industrial sector in the German food and beverage industry. It currently has around 70 members in Germany and other European countries, many of them well-known companies in the fruit, vegetables and potato processing industry. All of our members have one thing in common: they produce a comprehensive assortment of healthy, safe foods and they take their social responsibility seriously.

BOGK supports them in all these activities. The people who work at the Association are their voice. They are mediators, representatives and information providers. And they are all committed to lobbying both decision makers and the general public to support and promote food safety and health.

We have offices in Brussels and Bonn, we are a single voice representing all our members and we campaign on behalf of every single member. Would you like us to do this for you, too?

Then become a member of BOGK!

With kind regards

Konrad Linkenheil President





"We became a member of BOGK for policy-related reasons. BOGK represent our industry in Brussels, it provides us with key information and it lobbies of our behalf. That's a very important function that we couldn't afford to do of our own."

Michael Mayntz, Manaaina Director of Göbber GmbH & Co. KG

"We and our competitors have very similar interests in many respects. That's why it makes sense to have these interests jointly represented in the public sphere, which is precisely what BOGK does. Obviously, we also get involved by providing content because, ultimately, we want to make a pro-active contribution to shaping future policy.



WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF BOGK.



"In the food sector there are all kinds of issues that concern consumers and attract media attention. Most of them are critical issues that cannot be addressed by one single enterprise. It's good to have an organisation like BOGK that acts as our collective voice on issues like these."

Markus Thöne, Member of the Management Board and Supply Chain Director at Carl Kühne KG (GmbH & Co.)

"EU legislation has changed drastically over recent years. We have to watch out that we aren't snowballed by EU Directives. That's why it's important to take preventive measures and be close to the action in Brussels. BOGK does this on our behalf through its Brussels-based representatives."

Ernst-Rainer Schnetkamp, Managing Director, Schne-frost Ernst Schnetkamp GmbH & Co. KG



HOW IS BOGK STRUCTURED?

BOGK has four member sections:

VEGETABLE PROCESSORS

The Vegetable Processors Section pools the interests of companies that manufacture vegetable preserves, frozen vegetable products, mushrooms and mushroombased products. The companies in this section all face the challenge of processing limited availability seasonal products yet remaining competitive all year round. That's why BOGK's work covers issues relating to competitiveness, inventory financing, logistics and the European agricultural policy framework.

POTATO PROCESSORS

In the Potato Processors Section, BOGK represents manufacturers of frozen potato specialities, dry products such as instant mashed potato, French fries, crisps and other potato products. The members of this section all share a common interest in raw products and processing products. As a result, they meet several times a year to discuss key issues such as contaminants or crop protection.



FRUIT PROCESSORS

The Fruit Processors Section includes manufacturers of fruit preserves and frozen fruit products, jams and other sweet sandwich spreads, fruit preparations for the dairy industry and other industrial applications. Member companies' core business operations are manufacturing consumer products and processing products for other companies. This means many different areas of work and many challenges for BOGK – often at European level.

PICKLED VEGETABLE MANUFACTURERS

The Pickled Vegetable Manufacturers Section represents the interests of pickled gherkin, pickled vegetable, sauerkraut and table-ready pickled red cabbage manufacturers. Currently, it is focusing on the issue of raw product supply and the related activities to obtain all the necessary permits and approvals from the relevant authorities to secure long-term business operations. Key issues include purchasing quality parameters, the differentiation between raw and finished pickled gherkin products and research into state-of-the-art cabbage harvesting machines.





DOES BOGK DO?

As a political organ for the entire fruit, vegetable and potato processing industry, BOGK represents its members' interests in Germany and in the EU – from the German Bundestag to the European Commission. It also has direct contacts with key political institutions. This ensures that the Association can influence draft legislation which will affect the food sector, as well as economic, agricultural, energy and environmental policy. The cultivation of close relationships with upstream and downstream sectors of industry is also at the top of BOGK's agenda.

BOGK's chief functions:

INFORMATION

Fast and direct information to members on new political developments.

SUPPORT

Advice and pro-active support in connection with relevant productrelated issues such as checking opportunities for export promotion or coordinating applications for export subsidies.

MARKET MONITORING

Collection, evaluation and creation of sector-relevant statistics and figures.

COMMUNICATION

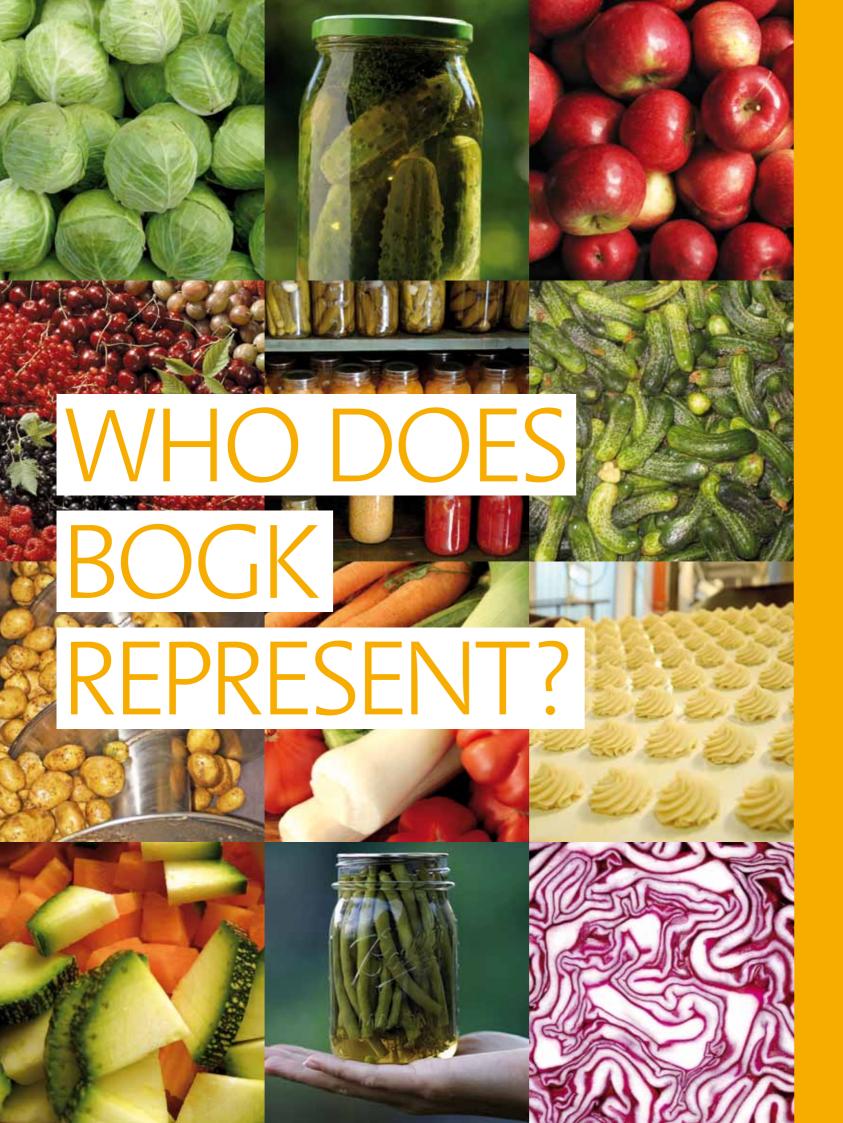
Maintaining open dialogue (between members) on political issues.

LOBBYING

Representation of members' interests vis-à-vis political decision makers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Provision of information to and education of the general public about the food sectors represented by BOGK.



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