Overview of Association for International Promotions of Gums

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AIPG’s unique membership structure:
- Producers/exporters from the countries of origin
- Importers/processors in the consuming countries

Our main objectives

The main targets of AIPG are to:

- Safeguard the uses of natural gums as safe food additives and ingredients
- Defend and promote the production and trade throughout the world
- Conduct research into new uses and applications
- Represent regulatory interests of the natural gums industry before various international bodies such as Codex Alimentarius, the European Union, FAO and JECFA and national regulatory bodies
- Arrange meetings, seminars and publications to disseminate new commercial and scientific information
AIPG Secretariat at WGA offices in Hamburg/Germany

WGA Association for Import, Export and Wholesale Trade

WGA 13 branch associations
750 members

Hamburg Exporter’s association VHE
Export Breweries VAB
Fruit and herbal infusions WKF
German Tea association
Drug-and Chemicals Association VDC
Herb and spice traders DKGV
Animal hair importers FFH
Natural gums Additives food & feed

Tea and Herbal Infusions Europe THIE
Essential Oils E.F.E.O.
Natural Gums A.I.P.G.

Information
Individual advice
Lobbying

Connected with German - and EU based top level associations BGA, BLL, FDE, IFRA
### Top suppliers to the EU:

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<th>Country</th>
<th>2014 (tons(t))</th>
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<td>1.441,80</td>
<td>2,58</td>
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<td><strong>Total EU-imports</strong></td>
<td><strong>49.133,10</strong></td>
<td><strong>100,00</strong></td>
<td><strong>55.864,00</strong></td>
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Consumer countries and product applications of Acacia Gum - why the product is so important for industrial use

- Food and Feed additives, Food ingredients
- Increasing use: Dietary fibres
- Excipient in pharmaceutical products
3 key elements in production and trade:
- permanent availability
- reliable standard qualities
- responsible increase of production and consumption

• Gum arabic is an important product for the industries in the consuming countries such as EU, US, Japan etc.
• there are positive perspectives for new product developments on the main consumer markets
• Gum arabic exports support the economic efforts of the countries of origin
  • Gum arabic assures a reasonable income in the rural areas
• solid and sustainable growth is in the common interest of producers and industrial consumers
Acacia gum: Some efforts made by AIPG

- Re-authorization for use in food and feed in the EU
- Information about product related legislation i.a. in the EU
- Supporting the use of acacia gum as a food ingredient/fibre
  - Promoting the product image on our website
- Standards/quality: AIPG GACP (Good Agricultural and Collection Practice for Gums)
- AIPG Code of Conduct and aspects of sustainability

AIPG, with a view to the protection of the environment and in order to safeguard natural resources, encourages their members to apply responsible operating and production methods. Members are also expected to consider their responsibility over the use and handling of resources such as water and energy, and over a proper waste management in line with applicable law.