

Article 31 - Remote voting prior to the General Meeting

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 28.bis, and therefore irrespective of the possibility of remote assistance by electronic or telematic means, shareholders entitled to attend may vote remotely on motions relating to items included on the agenda of any type of General Meeting by remote means of communication (i.e. mail post or electronic communication) provided that the identity of the shareholder exercising his voting rights and the security of electronic communications are duly guaranteed.

Postal votes shall be cast by returning the attendance and vote card sent by the entity or entities responsible for keeping the account notes register, signed and completed for this purpose.

Votes cast by electronic means of communication with the Company shall be issued under electronic signature or in such other form as the Board of Directors deems appropriate to ensure the authenticity and identification of the shareholder exercising his right, accompanied by a copy in electronic format of the attendance and voting card duly completed for this purpose.

The vote cast telematic means shall be valid only when received by the Company before 12:00 midnight of the day immediately prior to the date set for the Meeting at first call and the appropriate conditions of safety and simplicity are verified. Otherwise, the vote shall be considered not to have been cast. The Board of Directors may set a shorter period.

In accordance with the provisions of the General Meeting's Rules and Regulations, the Board of Directors may expand on the preceding provisions by setting rules, media and procedures adapted to the state of the art to implement the casting of votes and the issue of proxies by remote means of communication, conforming if appropriate to the standards set for this purpose. The expanded rules adopted under the present paragraph shall be published on the Company's Web page.

Shareholders who cast their vote by remote means of communication in accordance with the provisions of this article and the provisions developed for such purposes by the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be present for the purposes of the constitution of the General Meeting in question.

Personal attendance by the shareholder or his representative at the General Meeting shall revoke the vote cast by remote means of communication.