





# Policy on Independence Review

**Management Board Meeting  
5 October 2016**

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- I. Review of the Policy
  - II. The proposed process
  - III. The main subjects

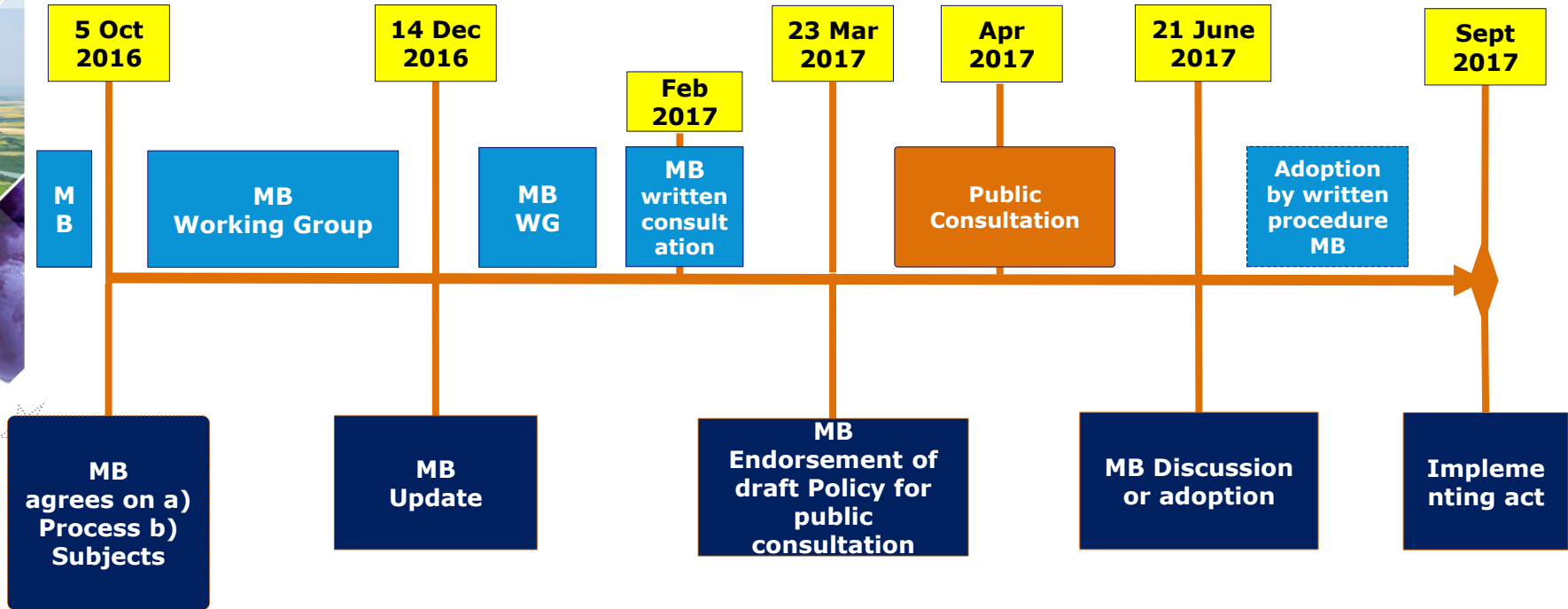
# I. THE REVIEW OF THE 2011 POLICY

## Background

- June 2016 Board meeting
  - confirmed EFSA commitment to review the 2011 Independence policy
  - confirmed strength of current Independence policy and implementing act
  - resulted in decision to deliver a proposal to be developed by a Working Group of the Board
  - resulted in decision of “tweaking” current approach, with no major changes



## II. PROCESS



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### MB Working Group

- Composition
  - Three members
  - Secretariat by EFSA
- Reporting to plenum
  - In December 2016 with update
  - In March 2017 with draft policy

### III. MAIN SUBJECTS

## MB Working group

- Definition of conflict of interest
- Financial or economic interests
- Risk based approach for competing interest management
- Cooperation with “food safety organisations” and other public interest bodies
- Cooling off periods
- Research funding and other scientific activities