





# Policy on Independence Review

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- I. The proposed process
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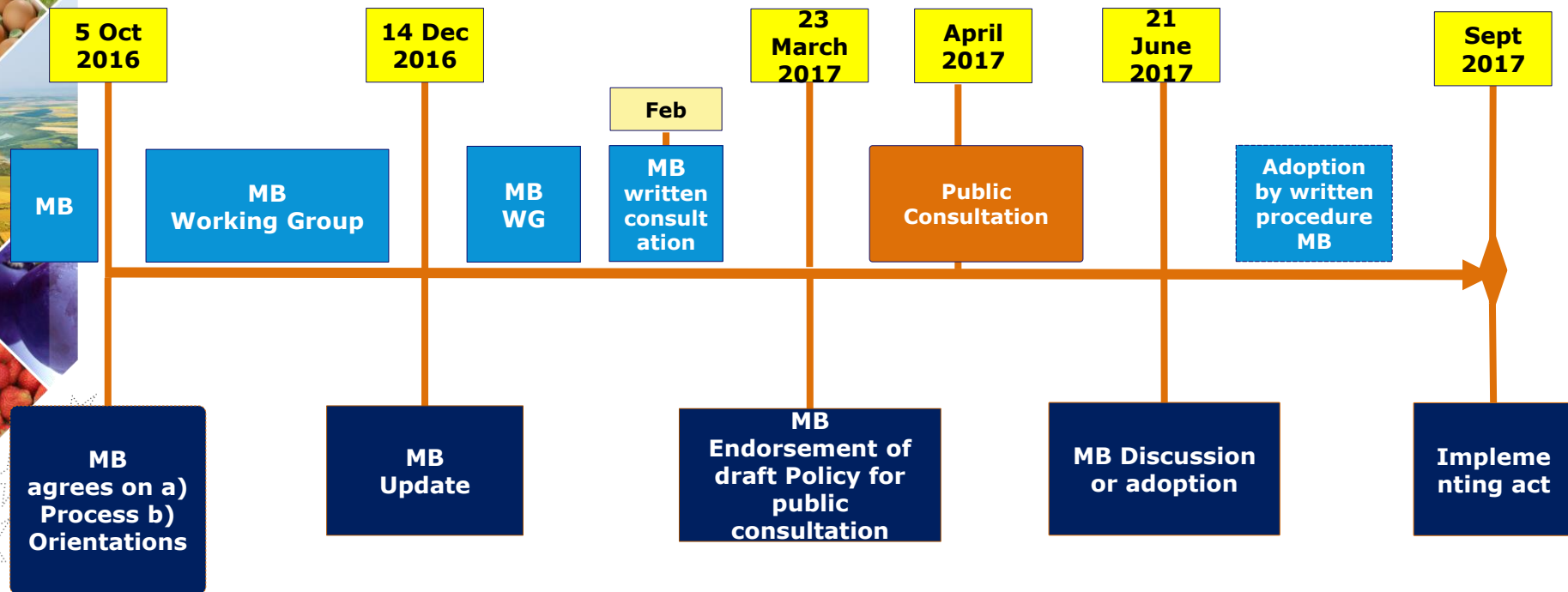
# I. THE REVIEW OF THE 2011 POLICY

## 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



### III. MAIN SUBJECTS

## MB Working group

- addressing the following aspects from discharge recommendations
  - Financial 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