

# AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLE 36 LIST OF ORGANISATIONS

## SUMMARY

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004<sup>1</sup> foresees that the “*Authority’s Management Board, acting on a proposal from the Executive Director, shall draw up the list of competent organisations*” (Art.2(2)) and that “*the list shall be updated regularly, on the basis of proposals from the Authority’s Executive Director, taking account of reviews or new designation proposals from the Member States*” (Art.2(4)).

Organisations are “*designated by the Member States on the basis of criteria*”<sup>2</sup>. In accordance, new designations of competent organisations to be included on the Article 36 List, as well as substantial changes to organisations already included on the List, need to be endorsed by the Management Board.

The Management Board is presented with the updated Article 36 List, for possible adoption (Annex I), following:

- Member States’ designations of **3** new organisations for inclusion on the List.

In addition, the Management Board is informed of:

- technical changes adopted by the Executive Director in his Decision dated 18/05/2017 (Annex II).

The updated Article 36 List, including all changes, is herewith presented for the adoption of the Management Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 of 23 December 2004 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 with regard to the network of organisations operating in the fields within the European Food Safety Authority’s mission (OJ L 379, 24.12.2004, p. 64–67)

<sup>2</sup> The criteria the designated organisations have to meet can be described as follows, ref. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004, Art.1(1):

- A. They must “carry out scientific and technical support tasks in the fields within the mission of the European Food Safety Authority”;
- B. They must be “legal entities pursuing public interest objectives” and be able to ensure that the “tasks entrusted to them by the Authority will be performed with independence and integrity”;
- C. They must “possess a high level of scientific or technical expertise in one or several fields within the Authority’s mission”;
- D. They must “have the capacity to operate in a network on scientific actions”.

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The Article 36 List was initially drawn up by the Decision of the Management Board of 19 December 2006, following the procedure set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004. The Article 36 List is regularly reviewed by the Member States for new designation proposals, deletions and changes to organisations included on the List.

### I. New designations for the Article 36 List

The Permanent Representations to the EU of Italy and Spain have officially notified EFSA of new designation proposals for inclusion in the Article 36 List of the following competent organisations:

Italy (2):

#### **University of Turin (Università degli Studi di Torino, UNITO)**

Type of organisation: University / Academic institution.

Mission of the organisation and task corresponding to EFSA's remit: UNITO has 27 departments encompassing all disciplines. Main strategic priorities are scientific research development, teaching and training, social awareness and public engagement. UNITO is internationally ranked among the top 200 universities (ARWU, August 2015), especially in Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy, and in Natural Science and Mathematics. UNITO is one of the top five universities in Italy, in agricultural, veterinary, biology, chemistry, physics and medical sciences. UNITO is involved in national and international scientific research and innovation, managing above 500 projects annually.

UNITO has long research experience related to the EFSA mission in: animal feed, animal health and welfare, biological hazards, chemical contaminants, cross-cutting science, food ingredients and packaging, GMO, nutrition, pesticides and plant health.

Financial information: The annual budget is covered by 86.37% from governmental sources, 7.47% from public non-governmental sources (hospitals, other universities, research centres and international organisations) and 6.16% from private sources (commercial activities to private bodies).

#### **Foundation Edmund Mach (Fondazione Edmund Mach, FEM)**

Type of organisation: Foundation, private law body of public interest, non-profit regional research organisation.

Mission of the organisation and task corresponding to EFSA's remit: FEM is a public funded research organisation of the Autonomous Province of Trento pursuing research, training and higher education. FEM is currently organised into three centres: one dedicated to secondary school and further education (CIF), one providing technical support to local farms, orchards, wineries and cooperatives - the Centre of Technology Transfer (CTT), and one focussed on scientific research - the Research and Innovation Centre (CRI). With more than 140 years of expertise in rural economy development and innovation, FEM has also pursued excellence in higher education and training (adding Bachelor, Master and PhD programmes to its long list of specialist secondary school diplomas); as well as research and innovation targeting the One Health concept, which combines agricultural, food quality and nutrition, and life sciences to promote human, veterinary and environmental health.

FEM mission is compliant with EFSA mission, specifically in the following areas: novel food, interface between animal and public health, environmental risk assessment, foods for special medical purposes, providing data analysis and scientific advice to help risk managers to respond to food-borne outbreaks and assisting with the tracing of foods.

Financial information: The annual budget is covered by 86.9% from public non-governmental sources (regional, national and European), 0.2% from governmental sources and 12.9% from private sources (i.e. revenues for services).

Spain (1):

### **University of Lleida**

Type of organisation: University / Academic institution.

Mission of the organisation and task corresponding to EFSA's remit: The University of Lleida (UdL) is a fully public academic institution, structured in 26 departments and has also a research support network designed to enable research groups to work together in providing scientific technical services. Amongst the most outstanding are the electron microscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry services.

UdL can provide scientific evidences to support EFSA scientific advice in food and feed safety, in particular having experience and expertise in: mycotoxins and in the bacterial pathogens, novel foods with increased polyphenolic compounds, toxicological studies in laboratory animals, animal nutrition and health, sustainable and organic animal production, plant pests, weed and fertilisers, and biotechnology applied to improvement of crops.

Financial information: The annual budget is covered by 96.25% from governmental sources and by 3.75% from non-governmental sources, mostly public (national research agencies and EU).

EFSA has ensured that the organisations designated by the Member State comply with the criteria set out in Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004. The brief abstract from the profile for each organisation provided above is based on the information submitted via the Art36-Database. Member State concluded that the organisations meet the criteria and has designated them for inclusion in the Article 36 List.

### **Technical changes:**

The Management Board is also informed of the technical changes adopted by the Executive Director Decision dated 18/05/2017.

The technical changes to the already included competent organisations on the Article 36 List do not impact the organisations' eligibility for inclusion in the Article 36 List.

## **II. Conclusion**

The Management Board is presented for adoption the **updated Article 36 List** of competent organisations.

The updated Article 36 List has **three** newly designated organisations added by Italy (2), and Spain (1). Details of each organisation on the Article 36 List, including specific fields of competence, are available in the Search Tool of the Article 36 Database to: all Article 36 organisations, EFSA national Focal Points, EFSA Advisory Forum members and alternates and to EFSA staff.

The updated Article 36 List will be published on the EFSA website and notified via the Official Journal of the European Union.