

Declaration of interests



(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name : **Herman DIRICKS**

Title: **MR.**

Profession : **retired civil servant**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Registry of activities of former members of the Management Board

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

Period: **01/04/2018 - 01/04/2024**

Organisation: Sciensano

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: member of the management board

Interest related to close family member: **No**

Period: **01/05/2014 - 30/06/2025**

Organisation: Scientific Committee of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FAVV-AFSCA)

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: CEO of the agency

Interest related to close family member: **No**

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

No interests

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

User Agreement

I confirm that:

- I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA
- ~~I think I have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA~~

Remarks: *I am now a retired civil servant*

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

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Signature: SIGNED

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