



CLARIFICATION N°2

Call reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01

Call title: Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health – Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants

Question 1: Can a member of the EFSA Panel on Plant Health be involved in a proposal, regarding the call GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01, that will be possibly submitted by the Department for which he is currently working?

Answer 1: Yes, a member of the EFSA Panel on Plant Health can be involved in a proposal, regarding the call GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01, that will be possibly submitted by the Department for which he is currently working. According to the Decision of EFSA Executive Director on Competing Interest Management (see Art. 2.2.III at page 9 at http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf), the Membership of a scientific advisory entity set up by EFSA (e.g. Scientific Panels, Networks or Working Groups) is not an interest that must be declared in the Annual Declarations of Interests of Institutions or Individuals to be submitted together with the Proposals. Please note however that, in case of award of the Grant, the members of EFSA Scientific Panels, Networks or Working Groups will have to declare their participation to the Grant in their Annual Declaration of Interest.

Question 2: In order to prove the operational capacity for lot 1, applicants should submit "copies of recent (last 3 years) reports or other documents demonstrating evidence of the institution's current scientific experience, related mainly to fruit or vegetable production." Can peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals be considered as "other documents demonstrating evidence of the institution's current scientific experience"?

Answer 2: This is already addressed in Clarification n. 1.

Question 3: Considering that the call has been launched in August, a month that in several EU countries includes a period of holidays for many staff members of institutions potentially interested, is it possible for EFSA to consider to postpone the deadline for the submission of proposals to the end of October 2019?

Answer 3: We confirm that the deadline for this Call is 30 September 2019 and cannot be extended due to the need to sign in 2019 specific Tasking Grant agreements with the awarded applicants.