



**2003, Supplementary and Amending Budget No II, [SAB II]**

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The budgetary contribution given by the European Union to the Budget of the EFSA is divided into one subvention for administrative expenditure and a second one for operational items. In December 2002 the Budgetary Authority cut both subventions by 50 %.

The Management Board adopted in its April meeting a first SAB, following the release of the full subvention for Title I and II. No release was requested for Title III, as the EFSA Management wished to secure certain milestones prior to such a request.

During the first half of 2003, EFSA has successfully continued to recruit key staff, launch its Scientific Committee and Panels, and the specific rolling work programmes have been put forward to the individual panels. At the same time a flexible lease contract for office space for 2003 and beyond was secured.

These events now allow EFSA to submit this SAB II for approval in order to rebalance available credits for 2003 with its needs as the requests for funds becomes clearer and the work programme is stabilised. The main objective of this SAB II is to reallocate funds becoming available in Title I (personnel expenditure) reallocated towards operational lines in Title III.

The Management Board agreed to the following:

- that EFSA forecasts at this stage (September 2003) that up to 1 Mio € of credits in Title II for infrastructure expenditure made available by the Budgetary Authority might not be committed before the year and the Board acknowledges that these credits might be cancelled.
- that funds that have become available in Title I (personnel expenditure) are reallocated towards operational lines in Title III.
- to adopt the SAB proposed in accordance with the EFSA founding regulation (Com 178/2002 and especially article 43 thereof) and the adopted Financial Regulation and especially article 2, 23 and 27 thereof. It should be noted that in line with the applicable Financial Regulation the Executive Director/Authorising Officer can and will move funds within individual chapters most notably in Title III to allow smooth day-to-day management in line with the development of the workload in the different areas.
- that the Authority forwards the adopted SAB to the European Commission and the European Parliament's Committee on Budget (CoBu) for information.

**Done at Brussels, September, 2003**

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**Chair of the Management Board**  
Annex I

## **Justification**

### **Title I: EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL LINKED TO THE AUTHORITY**

It can be concluded at this stage that the reinforcements from the April 2003 SAB exceeded actual needs, as the recruitment process was already delayed by three months, the procedure could not be as fast as planned and notification periods were longer than expected. In addition the modified establishment plan, which was part of the April SAB, had to be approved by the EP CoBu before coming into force. DG Budget has not yet formally submitted the modified establishment plan to the EP's CoBu in spite of the formal request of the Director General of DG SANCO. In consequence EFSA was not in a position to offer some long term contracts.

### **Title II: BUILDING, EQUIPMENT + MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENDITURE LINKED TO THE AUTHORITY**

The modifications are driven by actual data based on contracts signed in July and August of this year with the Commissions OIB for the current building, which will serve as a back up until December and with the owner of the new building into which EFSA will relocate.

In addition estimates are based on data supplied from the IT section of the Authority to allow for a fully independent operation of the Authority, applying the arms-length-principle for all services supplied from the EU institutions and bodies. The chosen configuration and equipment satisfy European standards. This will allow the Authority to operate at any European City of the Councils choosing at a later stage without having to write off this investment and avoids the risk of repeating such investment.

### **Title III: OPERATING EXPENDITURE LINKED TO THE AUTHORITY**

The agreed meeting schedule for the second half of 2003 and the first month of 2004 for all operational panels, the Advisory Forum and their working groups, as well as the stakeholder colloque planned for October are the basis for the reinforcement. For more detail reference is made to the MB documents on the revised Management Plan of 2003 and the Roadmap which are document presented at the meeting of the Management Board September 2003. In addition work to support the Scientific opinion process of the panels has been and will be contracted out following tender procedures.