



## European Food Safety Authority

### INTERNATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

#### Partial renewal of EFSA's Management Board

In accordance to Article 25, paragraph 2 of EC Regulation 178/2002 (referred as "EFSA's founding Regulation") the term of office of Members of the Management Board shall be four years, and may be renewed once. However, for the first mandate, this period shall be six years for half of the members.

In the Council Decision of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2002 appointing 14 members to the Management Board of EFSA it was already indicated the duration of the term in office for the 14 Members of the Management Board.

Extract from the Council decision of July 2002 is below enclosed:

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2. The following shall be appointed members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2006:

- Angeliki Assimakopoulou
- Ernst Bobek
- Carlos Escribano Mora
- Peter Gaemelke \*<sup>1</sup>
- Bart Sangster
- Stuart Alexander Slorach
- Roland Vaxelaire

In accordance to the procedure laid down in Article 25 of the founding Regulation, the list drawn up by the Commission, accompanied by the relevant documentation, shall be forwarded to the European Parliament. As soon as possible and within three months of such communication, the European Parliament may make its views available for consideration by the Council, which will then appoint the Management Board.

In order to draw such a list and in accordance to the procedure the European Commission launched a call for expression of interest in September 2005 (OJ C 237 A 01 of 27.9.2005). The list of 14 candidates was adopted by the Collège of Commissioners on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006 and then forwarded to the Council and the

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<sup>1</sup> "\*" closed to the name means members having a background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain.

European Parliament with a view to the appointment of 7 members<sup>2</sup> of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority. The list is a public document and can be found at:  
<http://register.consilium.eu.int/pdf/en/06/st06/st06107.en06.pdf>

In terms of procedure, the European Parliament is currently in the process of considering the candidates will then forward its view to the Council (expected in April). Then, the Council will consider the views of the EP and appoint the 7 members of the Management Board. At the time of writing the Council has already started deliberations about the candidates and waits for the EP opinion on the list. The decision by the Council is expected in June/July 2006.

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<sup>2</sup> Note to MT for their consideration: Actually 8 Members need to be appointed as Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle once appointed new Executive Director will resign as Vice-Chair of the MB and therefore there will be another open vacancy. Since this report will be a public document and due to the fact that Catherine G-L is still in process of being appointed, the MT (Herman/Christine/Antoine) should decide whether they want the “number 8” already appear on this progress report/note on Item 14.