



European Food Safety Authority

LIST OF COMPETENT ORGANISATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER STATES WHICH MAY ASSIST THE AUTHORITY WITH ITS MISSION

A - LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Article 36 paragraph 2 of Council Regulation (EC) 178/2002 states that the Management Board, acting on a proposal from the Executive Director, shall draw up a list to be made public of competent organizations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority, either individually or in networks, with its mission.

The purpose of this note is to present the draft list for the Management Board and explain the process for drawing up such a list. The draft list is set out in Annex I.

B - PREPARATION FOR THE LIST

EFSA collated relevant information for all organisations through a questionnaire and used the responses to conduct the screening in preparation for the draft list.

1. NOMINATION AND INFORMATION GATHERING

In July 2005 the Authority sent to all Member States via their Permanent Representations to the European Union in Brussels a questionnaire with copies to the Advisory Forum members. This aimed at both facilitating the task of the Member States in selecting appropriate nominees and to facilitate EFSA's processing of the information. The blank questionnaire is set out in Annex II.

The questionnaire, designed in consultation with European Commission (DG SANCO) services, was based on the legal criteria set out in Article 1 of Commission Regulation 2230/2004, with the purpose to clearly identify the fields of competence and the key characteristics of each organization to be designated.

2. SCREENING

Following this request EFSA received by the end of 2005 the replies from 23¹ Member States nominating a total number of 297 organisations.

The screening was done by EFSA staff in both the legal and the science departments, the purpose being to check that the list should contain organisations that meet essential legal criteria and their suitability for undertaking scientific work for EFSA.

Generally speaking, as these bodies are to be entrusted with certain tasks with a view to assisting EFSA with its general mission, it can be said that it was required

¹ Malta and Luxemburg did not reply

that they were independent, efficient, possess a high level of scientific or technical expertise and were legal entities pursuing objectives of public interests.

The following aspects were checked:

- Verification whether the organizations carry out tasks within EFSA's mission;
- Verifying whether the organization pursues public interest objectives, the bottom line being to exclude those entities that are manifestly in the hands of industry or the private sector. In several instances the funding sources and structure of organisations was a relevant element to assess this;
- Verification whether the organisation could provide evidence that it has organizational arrangements and specific procedures to ensure that its tasks could be performed with independence and integrity;
- Verification of the ability of organisations to maintain EFSA's confidentiality level.
- All the above elements were considered alongside the verification of whether the competence and the mission of the designated organizations revealed adequate high quality expertise and could be considered of relevant scientific and technical interest in view of a networking with EFSA.

The outcome of the screening revealed that out of the 297 submissions 37 were found problematic. Where relevant EFSA undertook to seek further clarification from some of these organisations (e.g. to check their ability to meet confidentiality level in case responses to the questionnaires were either negative or unclear).

3. ADVISORY FORUM CONSULTATION

Following the above step about 20 cases remained problematic and it was agreed as an additional safeguard to seek the opinion of relevant Advisory Forum members. In mid May EFSA approached delegates from the relevant Member States² to ask for their views as to the nominated organisations on which EFSA had reservations as to their inclusion on the list. In most cases delegates confirmed or endorsed EFSA findings.

4. UPDATE OF THE LIST

The draft list submitted to the Management Board's approval contains 282 organisations. It should be noted that according to Article 2, last paragraph of the Commission Regulation 2230/2004, the list of competent organizations shall be updated regularly, which means the process of updating the list will be ongoing. EFSA will therefore continue with the process of screening new designations or updates and will provide the Board with updates on regular intervals, e.g. on an annual basis.

² Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom



ANNEXE I

DRAFT LIST OF COMPETENT ORGANISATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBER STATES WHICH MAY ASSIST THE AUTHORITY WITHIN ITS MISSION

MEMBER STATE	COMPETENT ORGANISATIONS
Austria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety – AGES 2. Umweltbundesamt GmbH (Austrian Federal Environment Agency Ltd)
Belgium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agricultural Research Center (CLO) 2. Universiteit Gent 3. International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) – Europe 4. Conseil Supérieur d’Hygiène –Superior Health Council 5. Conseil de Biosécurité – Biosafety Advisory Council 6. Commission for advise on Plant preparation 7. Scientific Institute of Public Health 8. Centre d’Etude et de Recherches Vétérinaires et Agrochimiques 9. Fytolab de l’Université de Gent 10. FusaGx GLP pesticide Science 11. Faculté de médecine vétérinaire de l’Université de Merelbeke 12. Wallon Agricultural Research Centre of Gembloux 13. Association of Official Analytical Chemists Europe - AOAC 14. Scientific Committee of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)
Cyprus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State General Laboratory (SGL) 2. Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture Natural Resources and Environment 3. Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture Natural Resources and Environment
Czech Republic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Quality of Agricultural Products, Czech University of Agriculture in Prague 2. Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry - Department of Animal Breeding 3. MILCOM a.s. 4. National Institute of Public Health 5. Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) 6. Institute of Chemical Technology, Department of Food Chemistry and Analysis 7. Research Institute for Cattle Breeding, Ltd. Rapotin 8. Food Research Institute Prague

	9. Research Institute of Crop Production
	10. Research Institute of Animal Production
	11. Regional Public Health Institute of Hradec Kralove
	12. Regional Public Health Institute of Brno
	13. Regional Public Health Institute of Kolín
	14. Regional Public Health Institute of Jihlava
	15. Regional Public Health Institute of Liberec
	16. Regional Public Health Institute of Olomouc
	17. Regional Public Health Institute of Pardubice
	18. Regional Public Health Institute of Prague
	19. Regional Public Health Institute of Ústí nad Labem
	20. Regional Public Health Institute of Pilsen
Denmark	1. Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research (DFVF)
	2. National Environmental Research Institute (NERI)
	3. Danish Toxicology Centre
Estonia	1. Estonian Environmental Research Centre (EERC)
	2. Estonian Veterinary and Food Laboratory
Finland	1. STUK (Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority)
	2. Agrifood Research Finland (MTT)
	3. National Veterinary and Food Research Institute (EELA)
	4. Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
	5. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Helsinki
	6. University of Kuopio, Institute of Applied Biotechnology
	7. University of Helsinki, Department of Food Technology
	8. Helsinki University of Technology, Laboratory of Biochemistry and Microbiology
France	1. Cemagref
	2. Ecole Supérieure d'Agronomie et des Industries Alimentaires
	3. Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique
	4. Laboratoire national de la protection des végétaux (direction générale de l'alimentation, DGA1 – sous direction de la qualité et de la protection des végétaux, SDQPV)
	5. Société Générale de Surveillance Groupe- SGS France
	6. Agence Française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA)
	7. Commission du génie biomoléculaire
	8. Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD)
Germany	1. Federal Agency for Nature Conservation
	2. Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)
	3. Robert Koch Institute, Infectious disease
	4. Federal Biological Centre for Agriculture and Forestry
	5. Federal Agricultural Research Centre
	6. Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)
	7. Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Federal Research Institute for Animal health

	8. Robert Koch Institute, Unit L-2 – Gene Technology
	9. Federal Research Centre for nutrition and food
Greece	1. Hellenic Food Authority (E.F.E.T)
	2. General Chemical State Laboratory
	3. National Agricultural Research Foundation-Institute of Technology of Agricultural Products
	4. Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Public Health Nutrition and Nutritional, Epidemiology Unit, Medical school, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
	5. MS and Dioxin Analysis lab, NCSR DEMOKRITOS
	6. Institute of Food Hygiene
	7. Department of Forensic Med & Toxicology
	8. Laboratory of Clinical Bacteriology, Parasitology, Zoonoses and Geographical Medicine/WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mediterranean Zoonoses – University of Crete/Faculty of Medicine
	9. Food Industrial Research & Technology Development Company (ETAT S.A.)
	10. NTUA, School of Chemical Engineering, Laboratory of Food Chemistry and Technology
	11. Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Department of Chemistry – University of Athens
	12. Agricultural University of Athens
	13. Benaki Phytopathological Institute
	14. Department of Science of Dietetics-Nutrition, Harokopio University
	15. Directorate of Plant Produce Protection, Department of Pesticides
Hungary	1. Campden & Chorleywood Élelmiszeripari Fejlesztési Intézet Magyarország Kht. (Campden & Chorleywood Food Research Association Group)
	2. Szent István University Faculty of Veterinary Science
	3. Central Laboratory of the Institute for National Agricultural Quality Control (Országos Mezőgazdasági Minősítő Intézet Központi Laboratórium)
	4. General Inspectorate for Consumer Protection
	5. Institute of Material and Environmental Chemistry, Chemical Research Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
	6. National Food Investigation Institute
	7. Soci�t� G�n�rale de Surveillance Groupe- SGS Hungary Ltd
	8. Dr. E. We�bling Chemical Laboratory Ltd.
	9. Centre for Plant Protection and Soil Conservation
	10. Plant Protection & Soil Conservation Service of County Fej�r
	11. Central Veterinary Institute
	12. National Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition (NIFSN)
	13. Institute for National Agricultural Quality Control (Animal Breeding Division)
	14. Hungarian Dairy Research Institute Ltd.
	15. Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute
	16. Central Food Research Institute (CFRI)

Ireland	1. Central Veterinary Research Laboratory
	2. Department of Agriculture and Food, Pesticide Registration Division
	3. Dublin Public Analyst's Laboratory
	4. Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College Cork
	5. Department of Agriculture and Food, Residues Division of the Pesticide Control Service
	6. Safefood, the Food Safety Promotion Board
	7. Athlone Institute of Technology
	8. Cork Public Analyst's Laboratory
	9. The National Food Centre, Teagasc
	10. Marine Institute
	11. Centre for Food Safety, School for Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine, College of Life Sciences, University College Dublin
	12. National University of Ireland Galway
	13. National Nutrition Surveillance Centre
	14. Teagasc, Moorepark Food Research Centre
	15. Department of Nutrition, University College Cork
Italy	1. Istituto Superiore di Sanita – ISS – Operative structure “Food safety and veterinary Public Health)” Prof. Macri
	2. Istituto Superiore di Sanita – ISS – Operative structure “Food quality and risk assessment) Prof. Aureli
	3. Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca per gli Alimenti e la Nutrizione – INRAN
	4. Agricultural Research Council
	5. Stazione Sperimentale per l'Industria delle Conserve Alimentari – SSICA
	6. Stazione Sperimentale per le Industrie degli Oli dei Grassi – SSOG
	7. Centro Internazionale per gli Antiparassitari e la Prevenzione Sanitaria
	8. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia-Romagna
	9. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Puglia e della Basilicata
	10. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Sicilia
	11. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Umbria e delle Marche
	12. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana
	13. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise “G.Caporale”
	14. National Reference Centre for Animal Encephalopathies (CEA)
	15. National Reference Centre for Surveillance and Monitoring Animal Feed (C.Re.A.A.)
	16. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Piemonte, Liguria e V. d'Aosta (Laboratorio controllo Alimenti)
	17. Fondazione “B. Ramazzini” - European Foundation of Oncology and Environmental Science
	18. Università di Foggia
	19. Università di Milano – Dipartimento di Scienze Veterinarie e Tecnologie per la Sicurezza Alimentare
	20. Università di Parma – Dipartimento di Chimica Generale ed Inorganica, Chimica Analitica , Chimica Fisica
	21. Università di Parma – Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali (Division of Genetics and Environmental Biotechnologies)

	22. Università di Parma – Dipartimento Produzione Animale, Qualità e Sicurezza Alimenti
	23. Università di Parma – Dipartimento di Medicina Sperimentale
	24. Università di Parma - Dipartimento della Salute Pubblica
	25. Università di Parma – Department of Animal Health
	26. Università di Pavia – Dipartimento di Scienze Pediatriche
	27. Università di Torino e del Piemonte Orientale – Centro Interateneo Sicurezza, Qualità e Tipicità degli Alimenti (CeSQTA)
	28. Università di Torino – Agroinnova
	29. Università di Perugia – Laboratorio di Ispezione degli Alimenti di O.A. – Dipartimenti de Scienze Biopatologiche – Medicina Veterinaria
	30. Consortium for Applied Research in Biotechnology - CRAB
	31. Soci�t� G�n�rale de Surveillance Groupe- SGS Italy-
	32. Centro Ricerche Produzioni Animali CRPA S.p.A.
	33. Universit� di Napoli – Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale, Universit� Federico II
	34. Universit� Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
	35. Universit� di Parma: Dipartimento di Ingegneria Industriale
	36. Centro Ricerche Marine
	37. University of Parma – Department of Organic and Industrial Chemistry
	38. University “La sapienza” of Rome – Hygiene Section of Clinical Medicine and Public Health – Dpt of Experimental Medicine and Pathology
Latvia	1. State Plant Protection Service – Plant Protection Department
	2. -Latvia University of Agriculture: - Faculty of Food Technology (FFT); - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM); - Research Institute of Biotechnology and Veterinary Medicine “Sibra”(RIBVMS)
	3. State Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Centre
	4. University of Latvia – Faculty of Biology
	5. University of Latvia – Faculty of Chemistry
	6. Food and Veterinary Service
Lithuania	1. State Food and Veterinary Service
	2. National Nutrition Centre, Ministry of Health
	3. State Plant Protection Service, Ministry of Agriculture
Poland	1. National Veterinary Research Institute
	2. National Research Institute of Animal Production
	3. Research Institute of Medicinal Plants
	4. Institute of Plant Protection, Department of Pesticide Residue Research
	5. National Institute of Hygiene
	6. The National Food and Nutrition Institute
	7. Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute (IUNG – PIB)
	8. Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia
	9. Warsaw Agricultural University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of

	Food Hygiene and Public Health
Portugal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instituto Nacional de Saúde, Dr Ricardo Jorge (INSA) 2. Escola Superior de Biotecnologia – Porto- 3. Instituto Nacional de Investigação Agrária e das Pescas (INIAP) 4. Direcção-Geral de Protecção das Culturas (DGPC) 5. Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa 6. Universidade de Lisboa Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária 7. Escola Superior de Tecnologia – Universidade do Algarve 8. Societé Générale de Surveillance Groupe- SGS Portugal
Slovakia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research Institute for Animal Production 2. Public Health Authority of Slovak Republic 3. Slovak Medical University 4. Regional Public Health Authority in Poprad 5. University of Veterinary Medicine (UVM) 6. Central Agricultural Inspection and Testing Institute (UKSUP) 7. State Veterinary and Food Institute - Bratislava 8. State Veterinary and Food Institute - Dolny Kubin 9. Slovak University of Agriculture 10. Food Research Institute 11. Bel/NOVAMANN Internationa Ltd 12. Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology 13. State Veterinary and Food Institute - Kosice
Slovenia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia 2. University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty 3. Agricultural Institute of Slovenia 4. National Institute of Biology 5. Slovenian Institute for Hop Research and Brewing 6. University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Agronomy, Chair of Entomology and Phytopathology 7. University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Zootechnical department 8. Jozef Stefan Institute
Spain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Centro Nacional de Alimentación (CNA) 2. Consejo Superior Investigaciones científicas 3. Departamento de Nutrición, Bromatología y Tecnología de los Alimentos, Facultad de veterinaria, Universidad Complutense 4. Community Reference laboratory on Marine Biotoxins (CRLMB) 5. Laboratorio Regional de Salud Pública de la Comunidad de Madrid 6. Laboratori Agroalimentari 7. Universidad de Córdoba 8. Universidad Complutense de Madrid 9. Universidad de las Islas Baleares (Laboratorio de Biología Molécula, Nutrición y Biotecnología)

	10. Drug Analysis Service - Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (Facultad de Veterinaria)
	11. Laboratorio de Salud Pública de la Delegación Provincial de la Consejería de Sanidad de Lugo
	12. Grupo de Investigación Dh03 - Universidad de León – (Facultad de Veterinaria) -
	13. Laboratorio Arbitral Agroalimentario de Madrid
Sweden	1. National Veterinary Institute
	2. Swedish Chemicals Inspectorate
	3. The Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology (SIK)
	4. Stockholm University, Department of Applied Environmental Science (ITM)
	5. Stockholm University, Department of Environmental Chemistry
	6. Örebro University Hospital, Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
	7. Swedish Museum of Natural History, Contaminant Research Group
	8. Karolinska Institute (KI), Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM)
	9. Karolinska Institute (KI), Microbiological and Tumor Biological Center
	10. Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Department of Food Science
	11. Swedish University of Agricultural Science, EFOP (the Environmental Fate of Pesticide Group)
	12. Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine
	13. Göteborg University, Department of Home Economics
	14. National Food Administration Sweden
	15. Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
	16. MTM Research Centre at Örebro University
	17. Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control
	18. Karolinska Institute, veterinary resources
	19. Lund University, Department of Food Technology, Engineering and Nutrition
The Netherlands	1. RIKILT – Institute of Food Safety
	2. National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)
	3. Central Institute for animal Disease Control CIDC-Lelystad
	4. Plant Protection Service
	5. Alterra B.V.
	6. Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit
	7. Netherland Organization for Applied scientific Research - TNO quality of life
	8. Agrotechnology and Food Innovation BV
United Kingdom	1. Durham Scientific Services
	2. Biomathematics & Statistics Scotland
	3. Hampshire Scientific Service.
	4. Glasgow Scientific Services
	5. Brewing Research International

6.	West Yorkshire Analytical Services
7.	Veterinary Laboratories Agency
8.	British Nutrition Foundation
9.	University of Plymouth
10.	Staffordshire County Laboratory and Scientific Services
11.	Leicestershire County Council Scientific Services
12.	Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)
13.	Somerset Scientific Services
14.	Harwell Scientifics Limited
15.	Institute of Food Research
16.	Aberdeen City Council, Laboratory of the Public Analyst
17.	University of Birmingham, Food Safety and Production Group
18.	Laboratory of Government Chemist - LGC Limited
19.	Food Research and Consultancy Unit (FRCU)
20.	ADAS (UK)Ltd
21.	Institute of Environment and Health (as part of the Environment Group), Cranfield University at Silsoe
22.	Leatherhead Food International
23.	Eurofins
24.	Eclipse Scientific Group
25.	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development for Northern Ireland (DARD) Science Service (from 1st April 2006 this will become the Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI) for Northern Ireland, incorporating DARD Science Service and the Agriculture Research Institute for Northern Ireland (ARINI))
26.	Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association
27.	Central Science Laboratory
28.	City of Edinburgh Council
29.	University of Southampton
30.	Pesticides Safety Directorate
31.	Health and Safety Laboratory
32.	AMEC NNC Limited
33.	MRC Collaborative Centre for Human Nutrition Research
34.	Reading Scientific Services Ltd
35.	Toxicology Advice & Consulting Ltd/ BIBRA Information Services Ltd
36.	Natural Resources Institute of the University of Greenwich
37.	Lancashire School of Health & Postgraduate Medicine
38.	University of Newcastle upon Tyne
39.	University of Glasgow, Research and Enterprise
40.	Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children
41.	University of Aberdeen
42.	Dundee City Council Scientific Services

