



European Food Safety Authority

Further improvements to the efficiency of our scientific activities

*Management Board
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- Define scientist time to be spent for EFSA commitments
- Define preparatory work to be covered by secretariats
- Assess increased EFSA resources requirement
- Ensure a “do once” principle (exchange of information through AF)
- Optimize meeting locations
- Agree on optimal use of limited capacity (DG SANCO)
- Explore opportunities to promote EFSA’s scientific work and build recognition for the contribution of panel experts and their institutions

- **3 main areas are identified and discussed:**
 - Work load
 - Work condition
 - Recognition
- **Review for each panel**

WORK FOR 2007-2009

TOPIC	Number of dossiers	Deadlines/Start
Additives: re-evaluation of all permitted E nos.	350	10 years in total Started 2006
Food irradiation	None provided – update of all SCF opinions	9 months Start 2007
New flavourings	130 known + 10 new per year	July 2007 or later Start 2007
Enzymes	200 known + 10 new per year	6 months Start 2008/9
Active and intelligent packaging	Not known	6 months Start 2008
Recycled packaging	Not known	6 months Start 2009

RE-EVALUATION OF FEED ADDITIVES

	To be re-evaluated by								
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Technological			452		279 Silage				
Sensory			2040		48 Preserv				
Nutritional			102		1800 Flavouring				
Zootechnical			1		46 Trace elements			2	4
Coccidiostats			6	1	3	2	6	1	1
Enzymes	2	8	59						
Micro-organisms	4	5	33					2	
Total	6	20	2687	3	2	6	1	5	5

ACTION: PLANNING & SUPPORT TO THE PANELS

- Planning = multi-annual (2-3 years), Regular updates, priorities
- Dialogue with the Commission – Annual review
- Clearer definition of what goes to the Panel

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- Preparatory work done by:
 - EFSA Staff = Recruitment
Better matching of Tasks & Resources
 - “External” Support = Scientific Cooperation & Assistance Dept.
Procurement
Article 36 (2.4 M € in 2007)
- Scientific cooperation (Advisory Forum, National Institutes...)
- Creation of a new Panel.
- Scientific experts to assist work of the SC

ACTION: OPTIMIZING

- Location meetings = Flexibility
On requests of the experts
- Videoconference and telephone facilities
- Compensation =
 - Daily allowances = Increase (new Commission rules)
 - Consistency between RA & SCA experts (decision ED)
 - Submit to the MB new rules (chairs, rapporteurs ...)

ACTION: INCREASE AWARENESS IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

- Creation of EFSA Scientific Journal - starting early 2008 (1 post allocated - Scientific Cooperation & Assistance)
- Promote EFSA scientific publications (eg Zoonoses report) and colloquia
- Publish in the scientific literature
- Ensure regular contacts with panel experts' respective institutions (eg annual letter)

ACTION: INCREASE AWARENESS IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

- Ensure EFSA presence and speaking opportunities at key meetings (5 Year Anniversary, joint events in Member States, Management Board...)
- Continue to work with EFSA Panel Chairs and scientists in developing communications on EFSA's scientific work, including media relations/interviews on EFSA opinions.

NEXT STEPS

- Executive Director and EFSA Staff in close cooperation with Scientific Committee & Advisory Forum
- Management Board in September (New Panel, Experts Compensation)
- Commission services:
 - Review/priorities (September 2007)
 - New Panel