



MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008
(Not part of the Management Plan)

(a) The following document is based on the preliminary Work Programme of the European Food Safety Authority for 2008 which was adopted by the Management Board in March 2007 and which provided the basis for the Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) request from EFSA for the 2008 budget.

(b) Since March, EFSA has been able to form a clearer view of its work for 2008 taking into account the demands placed on it by risk managers. The document has been revised to reflect also the need for EFSA to demonstrate the allocation of resources to activities identified in the Work Programme.

(c) The preliminary document adopted in March 2007 has been widely consulted on – through the Advisory Forum, the Scientific Committee, the Stakeholder Consultative Platform and the European Commission. The document has also been shared with the European Parliament. Comments from these consultations are reflected in this document.

(d) The Budgetary Authority should reach its conclusions on available budget for 2008 in mid-December 2007. It should be noted that revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework in order to provide the Galileo project (satellite navigation) with full community financing may reduce the budgets of decentralised agencies by up to €50 m over 5 years beginning in 2009 and this may impact EFSA's budget.

(e) As with previous EFSA Management Plans, it should be noted that this document can only anticipate the work load for 2008. Due to the nature of the work of the Authority, questions may be put to it at any time during 2008 some of which, by their very nature, urgency and level of complexity, may have a significant effect on work in other areas and re-adjustments may need to be made. Any significant impact on this programme will of course be brought back to the Management Board for discussion and decision.

Adoption of the Work Programme for 2008

(f) The Work Programme is important in that it provides the basis for the Authority's budget justification and activities in 2008. This document could be adopted if the Board agrees at the December meeting. The legal deadline for its adoption is 31st January 2008.

The Founding Regulation gives guidance to the Board in relation to its adoption of the Work Programmes of the Authority:

1. to consider the budget placed at the disposal of the Authority;
2. to ensure that the Work Programmes are consistent with the Community's legislative and policy priorities in the area of food safety.

In this respect, the Budget 2008 is attached as Document **MB 13.12.07 – 5**.