

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Following the adoption by written procedure of the new Policy on Declarations of interests¹, and considering the evolution of the EFSA, it is suggested to update the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board. To this purpose the following additional amendments are suggested:

- Deletion of the second and third recitals, concerning the Decisions appointing the members of the first Management Board, as they have become superfluous and would require constant amendments to the Rules in order to be kept up to date;
- Amendment to article 15 paragraph 1 in order to reflect the adoption by the European Union of new staff regulations for officials;
- Deletion of the previous declarations attached to the rules of procedure and insertion of references to the relevant annexes of the Guidance document on declarations of interests²,

Furthermore, a through simplification exercise has been carried out benchmarking the current rules of procedure of the Management Board against the rules of procedure governing other EC and EU agencies. In the light of the above, the following technical adjustments are proposed:

- Insertion of an article outlining the composition of the Board (new Article 1);
- Rearrangement of the number of the articles in order to follow a more logical approach;
- Simplification of the procedure for the election of Chairs, Vice-Chairs and of the Executive Director (Article 2 and Annex);
- Insertion of more detailed rules concerning the working languages of the Authority (Article 3);
- Insertion of an article laying down more detailed rules concerning the proceedings of the Board (Article 7);
- Increase of the maximum votes each member can receive by proxy (Article 8(4);
- Insertion of the possibility to reimburse expenses for persons invited by the Management Board (Article 12(3).

¹ MB 11.9.2007 -5.2.

² MB 11.09.2007 - 5.3

These amendments are proposed to the Board for adoption.

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Annexes:

- 1 Rules of procedure of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority as last amended by the Management Board on 10 May 2006.
- 2 Rules of procedure of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority with proposed amendments.