

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**Management Board  
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## DRAFT OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013

The Management Board takes note of EFSA's Annual Accounts for the budget year 2013.  
On the basis of:

- the certification of the accounts from EFSA's Accounting Officer;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during the Audit Committee meeting on 25 June 2014;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during this Management Board meeting on 26 June 2014;
- the preliminary observations report issued by the European Court of Auditors regarding the 2013 Annual Accounts.

The Management Board notes that ... *[to be completed based on the discussion at the meeting]*

The Management Board declares *[to have obtained / not to have obtained]* reasonable assurance that the 2013 Annual Accounts give a fair view as of 31 December 2013. Hence, the Management Board *[gives / does not give]* a positive opinion on the Annual Accounts for the budget year 2013.

The Management Board looks forward to the report and observations of the Budgetary Authority at the end of the discharge procedure. The Board requests the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority to take into account the eventual observations and remarks with a view to further consolidating the Authority's accountability, effectiveness and efficiency in the coming period.

The Management Board invites the Executive Director to forward the 2013 Annual Accounts, to the Commission's Accounting Officer, the European Court of Auditors, the European Parliament and the Council by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014, as required under EFSA's Financial Regulation.

Submitted for adoption in Parma, Italy  
on 26 June 2014

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