

Minor updates to

MB decision concerning the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups





Rationale for the minor changes



- Proposed amendments limited to articles 14, 20, 22 and 23 and related to role of secretariat in relation to the Working Groups;
- Proposed amendments reflect current practices of setting up and managing Working Groups (WGs) and for the appointment of rapporteurs (reverse order of action by secretariat and chair);
- **EFSA will invite observers** instead of the Executive Director, which simplifies the delegation of this activity.

Art 14 and Art 23



EFSA instead of **ED** inviting observers

EFSA may invite observers to attend the meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Scientific Panels.

Art 20: Role of The Secretariat in chair appointment



Nomination of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups

- 1. The Chair of the Working Group is nominated by the Secretariat supporting that Working Group in consultation with the respective Chair of the Scientific Committee or the Chair of the relevant Scientific Panel and in compliance with the principles referred to in Article 30.
- 2. When appropriate, Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups may be nominated by the Secretariat in consultation with the respective Chair of the Scientific Committee or the Chair of the relevant Scientific Panel.

Art 21: Role of The Secretariat in the designation of rapporteurs



Rapporteurs

1. After the acceptance of a request for a draft opinion, the Secretariat supporting that Working Group in consultation with the Chair of the Working Group may designate one or more Rapporteurs. Rapporteur(s) shall ensure *inter alia* that the draft opinion is prepared, if necessary within a set time period. The Rapporteur(s) shall work in close cooperation with the relevant Secretariat and may present the draft opinion of the Working Group to the relevant Scientific Panel.

Next step



Alignment with internal working procedures to be applied as of 1 July 2021