

Note to Management Board

Implementation of EFSA's independence policy

On 21 June 2017, the Management Board adopted EFSA's Policy on independence,¹ which has since then been implemented by the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.²

The novel policy and rules focus on the individual independence of EFSA actors by addressing the following main themes:

- Risk based approach for competing interest management,
- Financial investments or employment in regulated companies,
- Cooling-off periods,
- Cooperation with national and international authorities, universities or research institutes,
- Transparency and enforcement.

The presentation will outline the experience gathered by EFSA during the first year of implementation of the new policy and rules, ranging from main figures to regulatory developments regarding EFSA experts as well as EFSA staff members.

¹ mb170621-a2 EFSA's policy on independence.

² EFSA/LA/DEC/19568050/2018.