

LEGAL AFFAIRS SERVICES



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## Pre-assessment of the interests declared by the Executive Director pursuant to Article 37(1) of the Regulation EC No 178/2002

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests declared by the Executive Director in accordance with the EU Staff Regulations, EFSA's Founding Regulation and its internal rules on Declarations of Interest represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion on whether the Executive Director has any personal interest such as to impair his independence and, where appropriate, recommend a follow-up.

If an identified conflict that impairs the independence of the Executive Director is not resolved by the proposed assessment, and the Executive Director is not fulfilling his obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that ensures healing this situation, the Board, acting on the majority of its members, may take all measures deemed appropriate under the Staff Regulations.<sup>1</sup>

## **Bernhard Url**

DoI submission date: 8 November 2022

New declared interest: Compared to the DoI submitted on 25 October 2021, the Executive Director did not declare any new interest.

**Assessment:** In application of the EU Staff Regulations, the Regulation EC No 178/2002, EFSA's independence policy and EFSA's rules on the management of competing interests, no potential conflict can be identified in the interests declared by the Executive Director.

Annex: DoI Bernhard Url dated 8 November 2022

<sup>1</sup> Article 11 and 11a of the Staff Regulations REGULATION No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.