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Assessment of the interests declared by the members of the Management Board pursuant to Article 37(1) of the of the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The present note provides an assessment on whether the interests declared by Board members represent a potential conflict in accordance with EFSA's internal rules and the Board Code of Conduct. Based on this assessment, the Board should reach a conclusion and where appropriate recommend a follow-up.

If an identified conflict that is substantially affecting the work of the Board or EFSA's reputation is not resolved by the proposed assessment and a member of the Board is not fulfilling his/her obligations in relation to independence in such a manner that this is substantially affecting the work of the Board, the Board, acting on a two-thirds majority, may ask for his or her replacement¹.

Laszlo CSUTAK-NAGY – Management Board alternate member representing Romania

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Assessment: Dr Csutak-Nagy holds the position of Vice-President of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority of Romania. His job entails the performance of risk management activities in areas pertaining to the remit of EFSA, which he carries out in the public interest. In view of the mandate of the Management Board, that primarily looks at the regularity and legality of EFSA's processes without entering into the merit of any scientific activity carried out by the other bodies of EFSA, the risk management activities carried out by Dr Csutak-Nagy do not represent conflicts of interest.

Conclusion: No conflict of interest identified. Ahead of the Management Board meetings, it is suggested that the Management Board re-examines the interests declared by Dr Csutak-Nagy to assess whether any conflicts may arise when discussing specific items in agenda (e.g.: inclusion of organisations in the Art. 36 list or EFSA's outsourcing programmes).

¹ Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.