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# Decision of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority on the establishment of the Veterinary Entomology Scientific Network

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<b>Scope of document</b>	
This decision establishes the Network on Veterinary Entomology (NVE) following EFSA and ECDC launching a call for tender for the third inter-institutional framework contract to continue the collaboration on risk assessments of vector-borne diseases (VBD's) and the establishment of the One-Health Vectornet Entomology Network (OHVEN). The OHVEN will be a joint network, composed of ECDC's Operational Contact Points (OCPs) for entomology and EFSA's Network on Veterinary Entomology (NVE).	
<b>Description</b>	
This decision provides for:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the establishment of the scientific Network on Veterinary Entomology (NVE);</li> <li>• the delegation to EFSA of the adoption of, and amendment to, the Terms of Reference of the NVE.</li> </ul>	
<b>References</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1–24;</li> <li>• Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain and amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 2065/2003, (EC) No 1935/2004, (EC) No 1331/2008, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) 2015/2283 and Directive 2001/18/EC, OJ L 231, 6.9.2019, p. 1–28;</li> <li>• Decision of the Management Board No <i>mb210624-a4</i> concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within Authority's mission.</li> </ul>	
<b>Abbreviations</b>	
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EU	European Union
NVE	Network on Veterinary Entomology
OHVEN	One-Health VectorNet Entomological Network
VBD	Vector Borne Disease



## THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002') of the European Parliament and the Council of 28 January 2002, laying down the general principles of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in relation to food safety, and in particular to Articles 22(7), 23(g) and 31 thereof<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission<sup>2</sup>,

After having consulted the EFSA Advisory Forum,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of the Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission provides that new networks must be adopted by the Management Board and that each network shall benefit from its own Terms of Reference.
- (2) The overall aim of the NVE is the provision of veterinary entomological expertise to support EFSA and ECDC in their assessments of the risks related to vectors and VBD's and the provision of scientific advice on entomological matters.
- (3) The members of the NVE will be designated in accordance with Article 6 of the Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within the Authority's mission.
- (4) The NVE, together with ECDC's Operational Contact Points (OCPs) for entomology, will constitute the One-Health VectorNet Entomological Network (OHVEN). Both the NVE members and the OCPs will meet jointly during the annual OHVEN meetings, covering both entomological expertise related to veterinary and public health.

### Article 1

1. The Scientific Network on Veterinary Entomology is established.
2. The adoption of, and amendment to, the Terms of Reference of the network established in accordance with paragraph 1 is delegated to the Head of the Biological Hazards and Animal Health and Welfare Unit.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1. This Regulation was last amended by Regulation (EU) No 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain and amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 2065/2003, (EC) No 1935/2004, (EC) No 1331/2008, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) 2015/2283 and Directive 2001/18/EC, OJ L 231, 6.9.2019, p. 1-28.

<sup>2</sup> Decision of the Management Board No *mb210624-a4* concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the fields within Authority's mission.



## Article 2 – Entry into force

This Decision shall take effect on the day following the date of its adoption.

Adopted on 21 March 2024

For the EFSA Management Board

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Aivars Bērziņš

Chair of the Management Board

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