

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Decision**

<b>EFSA – European Food Safety Authority</b>	<b>Decision of the Executive Director on the Linguistic Regime of EFSA</b>	<b>Decision No.:</b> REF. EFSA/LRA/DEC/14046420/2015
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<b>Approvals</b>	Signature	Name
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Executive Director	<i>Signature on the file</i>	Bernhard Url

<b>Introduction</b>	See citations and recitals of the annexed Decision
<b>Description</b>	Decision on the linguistic regime of the European Food Safety Authority recasting decision of 16 December 2014 on the same subject
<b>References</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Treaty on European Union</li> <li>– Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union</li> <li>– Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union</li> <li>– Regulation (EC) No 178/2002</li> <li>– Rules of procedure of the Management Board of EFSA, adopted by the Management Board on 27 June 2013</li> </ul>
<b>Abbreviations</b>	<i>Cf. Decision</i>

**Decision History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Revision No.</b>	<b>Description of Change</b>
17/12/2014	1 (one)	<p>Decision replacing the decision of the EFSA Executive Director of 16 December 2014, concerning the linguistic regime of EFSA.</p> <p>The update herewith enclosed contains the following changes compared to the Decision of 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of the specific reference to German, French and Italian in Article 1(3) of the Decision.</li> </ul>

**OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY  
ON THE LINGUISTIC REGIME OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Charter of Fundamental rights of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular to Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the Rules of procedure of the Management Board of EFSA, adopted by the Management Board on 27 June 2013, and in particular to Article 3 thereof

WHEREAS:

- (1) The European Food Safety Authority<sup>2</sup>, as being part of the Union's institutional environment, should promote the importance of respecting the multi-lingual nature of the European Union.
- (2) The Authority was established with a view to improve the confidence of the Union institutions, of the general public and of interested parties in food and feed safety matters, and to maintain a high level of openness and transparency contributing to achieving this objective through availability of objective, reliable and easily accessible information.
- (3) The Authority should manage its priorities and resources in a way compatible with its legal obligations and policy orientations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> In the present Decision also referred to as "the Authority" or "EFSA".

### *Article 1*

1. English is the working language of the Authority.
2. The only authentic language for documents issued by the Authority is English. Documents written in languages other than English are translated from the relevant English version thereof.
3. For disseminating general information regarding EFSA, press releases and publications aimed at the general public, the Authority may translate certain documents into all official EU languages, occasionally also into non EU languages, subject to the requirements of the service and available resources.
4. The working language that shall be used for tendering and contractual documents is English, except for procedures and proceedings regarding services, supplies or works for which the knowledge of the Italian language is an essential requirement and appropriate justification is provided in the relevant supporting documents.

### *Article 2*

In accordance with the fourth paragraph of Article 24 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, every citizen of the Union may write to the Authority in one of the languages mentioned in Article 55(1) of the Treaty on European Union and have an answer in the same language.

### *Article 3*

Plenary meetings of the Management Board and of the Advisory Forum shall be held in English. In case of need other languages may be added at the request of a Board or Forum member respectively.

### *Article 4*

1. This decision repeals and replaces the previous decision of the Executive Director of EFSA dated 16 December 2014 on the same subject.
2. This decision enters into force on the day of its signature.
3. A review of this decision shall be commenced by 2017.

*[Signed]*

Done in Parma on 20/04/2015

Bernhard URL  
Executive Director