

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLE 36 LIST OF ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004¹ foresees that the “*Authority’s Management Board, acting on a proposal from the Executive Director, shall draw up the list of competent organisations*” (Art.2(2)) and that “*the list shall be updated regularly, on the basis of proposals from the Authority’s Executive Director, taking account of reviews or new designation proposals from the Member States*” (Art.2(4)).

Organisations are “*designated by the Member States on the basis of criteria*”². In accordance, new designations of competent organisations to be included on the Article 36 List, as well as substantial changes to organisations already included on the List, need to be endorsed by the Management Board.

The Management Board is presented with the updated Article 36 List, for possible adoption, following:

- Member States’ designations of **2** new organisations for inclusion on the List.

In addition, the Management Board is informed of:

- technical changes adopted by the Executive Director in his Decision dated 16/11/2016.

The updated Article 36 List, including all changes, is herewith presented for the adoption of the Management Board.

¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 of 23 December 2004 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 with regard to the network of organisations operating in the fields within the European Food Safety Authority’s mission (OJ L 379, 24.12.2004, p. 64–67)

² The criteria the designated organisations have to meet can be described as follows, ref. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004, Art.1(1):

- A. They must “carry out scientific and technical support tasks in the fields within the mission of the European Food Safety Authority”;
- B. They must be “legal entities pursuing public interest objectives” and be able to ensure that the “tasks entrusted to them by the Authority will be performed with independence and integrity”;
- C. They must “possess a high level of scientific or technical expertise in one or several fields within the Authority’s mission”;
- D. They must “have the capacity to operate in a network on scientific actions”.

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The Article 36 List was initially drawn up by the Decision of the Management Board of 19 December 2006, following the procedure set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004. The Article 36 List is regularly reviewed by the Member States for new designation proposals, deletions and changes to organisations included on the List.

I. New designations for the Article 36 List

The Permanent Representations to the EU of Cyprus has officially notified EFSA of new designation proposals for inclusion in the Article 36 List of the following competent organisations:

Cyprus (2):

University of Cyprus (UCY)

Type of organisation: University / Academic organisation

Mission of the organisation and task corresponding to EFSA's remit: The University of Cyprus had in the academic year 2014-2015: 6,987 students (undergraduate and postgraduate). There are 8 faculties, 22 departments and 11 research units at UCY.

UCY has the capacity to contribute to EFSA priorities and tasks. The Department of Chemistry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State General Laboratory, the EFSA national Focal Point in Cyprus. Thus, a number of Diploma and MSc theses are implemented in the area of food chemistry, safety, labelling, origin and authenticity. The latter areas, are of the close interest of other Science Departments (i.e. Department of Biology, Engineering Departments, and Medical School) as well, working in similar applications as those of dietary risk assessment, food microbiology, cancer biology and chemoprevention by identification of natural substances. Other areas of interest and expertise are the study of aroma profile, exposure to toxic environmental contaminants and decomposition of organic matter in food (aging). Moreover, UCY has extensive experience in organising and hosting workshops at its premises. Therefore it can contribute to any "dissemination and communication" tasks, providing in kind contribution to the organisation of workshops and meetings in Cyprus.

Financial information: 88.5% of the annual budget is covered by public funding (about 74.5% from governmental sources) and 11.5% from private sources.

Cyprus University of Technology

Type of organisation: University / Academic institution

Mission of the organisation and task corresponding to EFSA's remit: The Cyprus University of Technology profiles as a pioneering and internationally recognised university, offering education and high level research in leading fields of research, focusing mainly on applied research.

Specifically, the Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences and Environmental Management and its Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology & Food Science (ABF) can fulfil many tasks within the EFSA's mission. The ABF comprises: Plant science, Food science and Animal and Dairy Science specialisations, having competent teaching and research personnel, in addition a number of PhD students and research assistants on projects. The

Department boasts a full range of state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and infrastructure required to carry out research and teaching, mainly in research areas of plant health (pathology, entomology, ecology, nematology, bacteriology), food safety (biological hazards, food microbiology, HACCP systems, food technology, food authenticity, food-borne zoonoses) and animal science (animal nutrition, animal health, animal welfare, genetics). The University has also expertise in areas of epidemiology, environmental microbiology, exposure assessment of food pathogens and food-borne zoonotic agents, as well as the risk assessments.

Financial information: The annual budget is completely covered from governmental sources.

EFSA has ensured that the organisations designated by the Member State comply with the criteria set out in Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004. The brief abstract from the profile for each organisation provided above is based on the information submitted via the Art36-Database. Member State concluded that the organisations meet the criteria and has designated them for inclusion in the Article 36 List.

II. Technical changes

The Management Board is also informed of the technical changes adopted by the Executive Director Decision dated 16/11/2016.

The technical changes to the already included competent organisations on the Article 36 List do not impact the organisations' eligibility for inclusion in the Article 36 List.

III. Conclusion

The Management Board is presented for adoption the **updated Article 36 List** of competent organisations.

The updated Article 36 List has **two** newly designated organisations added by Cyprus. Details of each organisation on the Article 36 List, including specific fields of competence, are available in the Search Tool of the Article 36 Database to: all Article 36 organisations, EFSA national Focal Points, EFSA Advisory Forum members and alternates and to EFSA staff.

The updated Article 36 List will be published on the EFSA website.