



**Public access to EFSA documents  
and public participation in the  
decision making process of  
Regulation (EC)1829/2003 and  
Directive 2001/18/EC.**

# Article 10(1)

## Regulation (EC) 1049/2001

- *The applicant shall have access to documents either by consulting them on the spot or by receiving a copy, including, where available, an electronic copy, according to the applicant's preference.....*

# Article 6(7)

## Regulation (EC) 1829/2003

- *The Authority, in conformity with Article 38(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, shall make its opinion public, after deletion of any information identified as confidential in accordance with Article 30 of this Regulation. The **public may make comments** to the Commission within 30 days from such publication.*

# Århus Convention Common Position: Article 4 (1)

- *Community institutions and bodies shall organise the environmental information which is relevant to their functions and which is held by them, **with a view to its active and systematic dissemination to the public**, in particular by means of computer telecommunication and/or electronic technology in accordance with Articles 11(1) and (2), and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. They shall make this environmental information progressively available in electronic databases that are easily accessible to the public through public telecommunication networks. To that end, they shall place **the environmental information that they hold on databases and equip these with search aids and other forms of software designed to assist the public in locating the information they require.***

# Århus Convention Common Position: Article 9(1)

- *Community institutions and bodies shall provide, through appropriate practical and/or other provisions, early and effective opportunities for the public to participate during the preparation, modification or review of plans or programmes relating to the environment **when all options are still open**. In particular, where the Commission prepares a proposal for such a plan or programme which is submitted to other Community institutions or bodies for decision, it shall provide for public participation at that preparatory stage.*