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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION appointing three representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority

1. In accordance with Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002¹, each Member State should nominate a member and an alternate member as its representatives to the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The members and alternate members nominated by each Member State are appointed by the Council.
2. The Council, by means of its Decision of 7 April 2022², has appointed representatives of the Member States as members and alternate members of the EFSA Management Board for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.
3. On 1 May 2022, Mr Georgi GEORGIEV, the member for Bulgaria, passed away.
4. By letter dated 23 August 2022, Ms Patricia REILLY, the alternate member for Ireland, submitted her resignation.

¹ Regulation (EC) 178/2002 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).

² Council Decision of 7 April 2022 appointing representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (OJ C 159, 12.4.2022, p. 6).

5. By letter dated 15 September 2022, Ms Jitka GÖTZOVÁ, the alternate member for Czechia, submitted her resignation.
6. Three new representatives should therefore be appointed to serve for the remainder of their respective predecessors' term of office.
7. The members and the alternate members of the Management Board should be nominated and appointed on the basis of their relevant experience and expertise in the field of food chain law and policy, including risk assessment, whilst ensuring that there is relevant expertise in the fields of managerial, administrative, financial and legal matters within the Management Board³.
8. By 16 September 2022, Bulgaria, Czechia and Ireland have informed the Presidency and the General Secretariat of the Council of the names of their representatives as members and alternate members of the EFSA Management Board.
9. The Presidency and the General Secretariat of the Council have assessed the supporting evidence submitted by the delegations and concluded that the experience and expertise of the nominees fulfil the requirements outlined above.
10. The Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) is therefore invited to:
 - endorse the representatives listed in the Annex to this note;
 - recommend that the Council adopts, as an 'A' item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the Decision appointing three representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority, as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 12888/22;
 - suggest to the Council to decide to publish the Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

³ Article 25(1b) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

**APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES AS
MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE
EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY**

Appointment as member of the EFSA Management Board until 30 June 2026:

- Mr Koycho KOEV (Bulgaria).

Appointments as alternate members of the EFSA Management Board until 30 June 2026:

- Mr Martin ŠTĚPÁNEK (Czechia),
- Ms Geraldine DUFFY (Ireland).