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COUNCIL DECISION

of ...

**appointing members and alternate members
of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority
representing civil society and food chain interests**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to 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 safety¹, and in particular Article 25(1a), point (c), thereof,

Having regard to the list of candidates submitted to the Council by the European Commission by letter dated 20 January 2022,

Having regard to the views expressed by the European Parliament by letter dated 18 May 2022,

¹ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) It is vital to ensure the independence, high scientific quality, transparency and efficiency of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). It is also indispensable to ensure the cooperation of EFSA with Member States.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ amended Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 as regards, *inter alia*, the composition of the EFSA Management Board.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 10(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1381, the term of office of the members of the EFSA Management Board in office on 30 June 2022 will expire on that date. The members and alternate members of the EFSA Management Board whose term of office is to start on 1 July 2022 are to be appointed in accordance with the new procedure for nomination and appointment introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/1381.
- (4) The Council, by means of its Decision of 7 April 2022², has already appointed representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the EFSA Management Board.

¹ 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).

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) The new procedure for nomination and appointment introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 requires that the EFSA Management Board also include four members and four alternate members with the right to vote as representatives of civil society and food chain interests, namely one member and one alternate member from consumer organisations, one member and one alternate member from environmental non-governmental organisations, one member and one alternate member from farmers organisations, and one member and one alternate member from industry organisations.
- (6) The members and alternate members representing civil society and food chain interests are to be appointed by the Council in consultation with the European Parliament on the basis of a list drawn up by the Commission. Their term of office is four years and can be renewed only once.
- (7) The candidates included in the list submitted by the Commission have been selected following a call for expression of interest on the basis of their relevant experience and expertise in the field of food-chain law and policy, including risk assessment, as well as relevant expertise in the fields of managerial, administrative, financial and legal matters.

- (8) The list submitted by the Commission has been examined, with a view to appointing the four members and four alternate members of the EFSA Management Board representing civil society and food chain interests, on the basis of the documentation provided by the Commission and in light of the views expressed by the European Parliament. The appointment, by means of this Decision, of those members and alternate members further secures the highest standard of competence and the broadest range of relevant experience and expertise available 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 EFSA Management Board,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons are hereby appointed as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026:

Category	Members	Alternate members
Consumer organisations	Ms Floriana CIMMARUSTI	Ms Eleni IOANNOU-KAKOURI
Environmental non-governmental organisations	Mr Xavier GABARRELL DURANY	Ms Apolline ROGER
Farmers organisations	Ms Annette TOFT	Ms Maira DZELZKALĒJA-BURMISTRE
Industry organisations	Ms Rebeca FERNANDEZ	Mr Dimitrios LADIKOS

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
