

**OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY
ON THE FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2013**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, and in particular Article 97 thereof,

Having regard to the Agency's Financial Regulation adopted on 24 September 2008 (MB/53/2008), and in particular Article 83(2) thereof,

Having regard to the observations by the Court of Auditors of 24 April 2014.

Whereas:

- (1) On receipt of the Court of Auditors' observations on the Agency's Provisional Annual Accounts, the Executive Director shall draw up the Agency's Final Annual Accounts under his own responsibility and forward them to the Management Board for an opinion.
- (2) The Management Board shall deliver an opinion on the Agency's Final Annual Accounts.
- (3) By 1 July of the following year at the latest, the Executive Director shall send the Final Annual Accounts, together with the opinion of the Management Board, to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors.

HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

The Management Board notes that the European Court of Auditors in its observations on the provisional accounts has made no reservation concerning the implementation of the European Chemicals Agency's annual budget for 2013.

On the basis of the examination of the Final Annual Accounts, submitted to it on 6 June by the Executive Director, and on the basis of the Court's observations, the Management Board has obtained sufficient assurance in order to conclude that the accounts for the year 2013, taken as a whole, present a true and fair view of the Agency's financial position as at 31 December 2013 and properly reflect the implementation of the Agency's budget for the year 2013.

Done at Helsinki, 18 June 2014.

signed
Nina CROMNIER
Chair of the Management board