

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**54TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
19-20 JUNE 2019, HELSINKI**

1. Opinion on the final accounts 2018

The Management Board adopted its opinion on the Agency's final annual accounts for the financial year 2018, taking into account the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors and the recommendation made by its Working Group on Audit matters.

2. ECHA's revised Financial Regulation

The Management Board adopted ECHA's revised Financial Regulation, following the adoption of the new Framework Financial Regulation (FFR) by the European Commission.

3. Internal Rules

The Management Board adopted Implementing Rules to the Staff Regulations (1) governing the conditions of employment of contract staff employed under the terms of Article 3a of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union and (2) on types of post and post titles.

The Management Board also adopted internal rules concerning restrictions of certain rights of data subjects in relation to processing of personal data in the framework of the functioning of ECHA.

4. Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board appointed one new member (PEŁCZKOWSKA Beata) for the Committee of Risk Assessment (RAC) and four new members (NIKOVA Julieta, THIERRY-MIEG Morgane, ANTONIADOU Sofia, MÅGE Marit) for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

In addition, the Management Board renewed the membership of 13 RAC members (SOGORB Miguel A., LEINONEN Riitta, PRINTEMPS Nathalie, VARNAI Veda, BIRO Anna, PARIS Pietro, KADIKIS Normunds, UŐOMECKAS Źilvinas, DUNAUSKIENE Lina, BJØRGE Christine, LUND Bert-Ove, MENARD SRPĆIĆ Anja, SCHULTE Agnes), as well as that of 11 SEAC members (FANKHAUSER Simone, COGEN Simon, URBAN Klaus, FOCK Lars, Kiiski Johanna, BRIGNON Jean-Marc, CAVALIERI Luisa, SCHUCHTAR Endre, JANSSEN Martien, ZAMFIR Stefan, KRAJNC Karmen).

5. Revised Terms of Reference of the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC)

The Management Board adopted the revised Terms of Reference for the ECHA Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC).

6. Status and action plan on SME verification

The Management Board took note of ECHA's SME size verification state-of-play to date and endorsed the Secretariat's proposed future approach to the verification activity.

7. REACH Review implementation: Evaluation and Applications for Authorisation (AfA)

The Management Board welcomed ECHA and the Commission's Joint REACH Evaluation Action Plan as a good step forward to improve REACH registration dossier compliance and quality.

The Management Board took note of the report from its ad hoc group on the European Parliament Resolution on sodium dichromate AfA. In this context, the Management Board considered that ECHA's proposals to improve the AfA process are in the right direction and expressed trust that these will contribute to aligning ECHA's opinions to the Court's recent judgements.

8. Board of Appeal

The Management Board took note of the annual report from its Working Group on the Board of Appeal and confirmed a new member of this group: Marie-Laure METAYER (FR).

The Management Board took a decision with regards the implementation of certain follow-up actions of audit recommendations.

The Management Board also appointed the members of its selection group for the appointment of technically qualified alternate/additional members of the Board of Appeal. The selection group will be composed of Kestutis SADAUSKAS (European Commission), Marie-Laure METAYER and Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ.

9. Other topics

- The Management Board took note of reports from its Working Groups:
 - o The Working Group Planning and Reporting met on 28 May 2019 and provided input to the discussion on the REACH Review implementation and reviewed the Agency's progress in developing its performance management model.
 - o The Working Group on Audit met on 18 June 2019, prepared the Management Board opinion on the 2018 accounts and the Management Board discussion on ECHA's approach to SME size verifications and selected Krisztina BIRO as its new Chair.
- The Management Board heard the quarterly report on ECHA's progress in implementing the 2019 Work Programme.
- The Management Board took note of the European Parliament resolution of 26 March 2019 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Chemicals Agency for the financial year 2017 (2018/2198(DEC)).
- The Management Board took note of a report from its Advisory Group on the building project. It was noted that ECHA's future building project is progressing according to the plans.
- The Management Board took note of the budget transfers, carried out since the previous notification, under the responsibility of the Executive Director.
- The Management Board took note of an update on ECHA's approach for the dissemination of tonnage bands and agreed to discuss the topic at a later stage.
