

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**55TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
26-27 SEPTEMBER 2019, HELSINKI**

1. Second budget amendment 2019

The Management Board adopted the second amending budget for 2019, as well as the amended procurement and establishment plans. The budget amendment included a REACH/CLP expenditure decrease of € 4.5 million, an increase of € 2.8 million in the BPR fee income, reflecting the latest best estimates, and the inclusion of new budget lines in the structure of the budget, in anticipation of a Service Level Agreement with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for further development of the International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID) software.

The Management Board also took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director since the last notification.

2. Programming

The Management Board held an orientation debate on the Agency's priorities for 2021. Board members expressed their general support for the strategic direction outlined by the Secretariat. At the same time, they provided advice for priority-setting and indicated a number of areas where further clarification is needed. The Secretariat will reflect the steer received in its draft Work Programme, and will submit it to the Management Board for written consultation in October 2019, in view of an adoption in December 2019.

The Management Board took note of the status of implementation of the REACH Review actions. This included in particular an update from the Secretariat on the implementation of the REACH Evaluation Action Plan, and on the changes to the process for applications for authorisation, as consequences to the relevant Court judgements, resolutions of the European Parliament and input received from the Management Board ad hoc group. The Secretariat furthermore informed the Management Board of its approach to handle the anticipated peak workload due to a high number of applications for authorisations in 2019 and 2020. The Management Board agreed to continue regularly reviewing the status of implementation of these actions.

3. Forum

The Management Board adopted the updated Rules of Procedure of the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement (Forum), to take into account the inclusion of the POPs Regulation¹ in the Forum's remit.

The Management Board also held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Forum, regarding the Forum's enforcement priorities for the years 2019-2023 and the implementation of the respective actions included in the REACH Review.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.

4. Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board appointed two new members (Ismael DIAZ MORENO, ES and Manuel RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, ES) for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

5. Management Board Code of Governance

The Management Board adopted its Code of Governance, which includes its updated Rules of Procedure, Operating Framework, as well as the updated Code of Conduct of Management Board members. The revision of the Management Board subgroups will be discussed in the December 2019 meeting, in view of the adoption of new Terms of Reference.

6. Board of Appeal

The Management Board prolonged the mandate of two Legally Qualified Alternate/Additional Members of the Board of Appeal. The prolongation is for a second and final term of five years, starting on 15 December 2019.

The Management Board confirmed the composition of the Reporting Officers for the Board of Appeal Chairman: Kestutis SADAUSKAS (European Commission), Hans MEIJER and Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ.

7. Other topics

- The Management Board confirmed a new member of its Working Group on Planning and Reporting (Axel VORWERK, Germany).
- The Management Board took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities.
- The Management took note of the status of preparation of the security aspects of granting access to Appointed Bodies and Poison Centres to the Poison Centre searchable database (PCN system V2), which will be released in November 2019. The Management Board noted that it may be invited to agree on the security arrangements in written procedure in Q4 2019.
- The Management Board took note of the Secretariat's report on the follow-up to the 2017 budgetary discharge.²
- The Management Board held an exchange of views on the implementation of requirements for the registration of substances in nanoforms. It was agreed to keep the topic on the Board's agenda in its next meeting, as part of the Quarterly Report.
- The Management Board took note of its planned meeting dates for 2021: 25-26 March; 23-24 June; 23-24 September and 15-16 December 2021.

² European Parliament decision of 26 March 2019 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for the financial year 2017 (2018/2198(DEC)).