

Outcome of the Written Procedures on the revision of the Conflict of Interest policy and on the OEL related budget and programming document amendments

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Key messages

The Management Board is invited to take note of the positive outcome of the two Written Procedures run in January 2019:

- MB/WP/01/2019 Revision of the ECHA Policy for managing potential conflicts of interest
- MB/WP/02/2019 Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs)

Background

The Management Board had been requested by written procedures to (1) adopt a revision of the ECHA Procedure for Prevention and Management of potential conflicts of interest (and the declaration template) and to adopt a template for a Memorandum of Understanding for ensuring the independence of Member State services to be provided to ECHA, as well as to (2) adopt an amendment to the Programming Document 2019-2022 and to the budget 2019 with respect to OEL work.

The Management Board Chair and the Working Group on Planning and Reporting reviewed the proposals and supported the launch of both written procedures.

The proposal was submitted on 12 February 2019 in line with Article 8 of the Board's Rules of procedure. The deadline for casting votes by return email was set to 25 February 2019. 31 votes were received by the set deadline and the outcome was circulated to the Management Board by email from the Secretariat on 25 February 2019.

Outcome of the votes

The required two third majority of members with voting rights agreed within the deadline for replies. (31 votes in favour / no vote against / no abstentions). A full overview of votes cast is attached for both Written Procedures.

Comments

In line with the Management Board Rules of Procedure, a proposal for decision by written procedure is not subject to amendments and shall be approved or rejected in its entirety.

Comments from Management Board members concerned MB/WP/01/2019 Revision of the ECHA Policy for managing potential conflicts of interest. In particular, a Board member called for further and continuous improvements of the policy for managing potential conflicts of interest, which includes the harmonization of policies at EU level, strengthening the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC) and enhancing the guidance for candidates and participants of expert groups.

One Board member noted that the adopted Memorandum of Understanding will be signed formally by the nominated REACH competent authorities. In order to ensure that also the

Biocides competent authorities are made aware of the revised Policy and Memorandum of Understanding, it was suggested that ECHA informs the members of the Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) at one of their upcoming meetings. The Secretariat will inform BPC members accordingly.

Final result

Both proposals were therefore adopted with the necessary two-third majority of all members with the right to vote.

Attachments:

- Annex 1: Overview of votes for MB/WP/01/2019 revision of the Conflict of Interest policy
- Annex 2: Overview of votes for MB/WP/02/2019 OEL related budget and programming document amendments

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