

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/1995**of 17 October 2022****appointing three representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority**

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 safety ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 25(1) thereof,

Having regard to the nominations submitted by Bulgaria, Czechia and Ireland to the Council,

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) Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 requires that each Member State nominate a member and an alternate member as its representatives to the EFSA Management Board. The members and alternate members thus nominated are appointed by the Council for a period of four years, which may be renewed, and have the right to vote.
- (3) The Council, by means of its Decision of 7 April 2022 ⁽²⁾, has appointed representatives of the Member States as members and alternate members of the EFSA Management Board for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.
- (4) On 1 May 2022, Mr Georgi GEORGIEV, the member for Bulgaria, passed away.
- (5) By letter dated 23 August 2022, Ms Patricia REILLY, the alternate member for Ireland, submitted her resignation.
- (6) By letter dated 15 September 2022, Ms Jitka GÖTZOVÁ, the alternate member for Czechia, submitted her resignation.
- (7) Three new representatives should therefore be appointed to serve for the remainder of their respective predecessors' term of office.
- (8) The representatives that have been nominated by Bulgaria, Czechia and Ireland have relevant and extensive experience and expertise in the field of food chain law and policy, including risk assessment, and also in the fields of managerial, administrative, financial and legal matters. Their appointment therefore secures within the EFSA Management Board the highest standards of competence and the broadest range of relevant experience available,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following person is hereby appointed as member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority until 30 June 2026:

— Mr Koycho KOEV (Bulgaria).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, 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).

Article 2

The following persons are hereby appointed as alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority until 30 June 2026:

- Mr Martin ŠTĚPÁNEK (Czechia),
- Ms Geraldine DUFFY (Ireland).

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, 17 October 2022.

For the Council
The President
Z. NEKULA
