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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/1120

of 26 May 2025

**appointing two representatives of Member States as 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 Ireland and Spain to the Council,

Whereas:

- (1) It is vital to ensure the independence, high scientific standards, transparency and efficiency of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). It is also indispensable to ensure the cooperation of EFSA with Member States.
- (2) 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 to be appointed by the Council for a term of 4 years, which may be renewed, and have the right to vote.
- (3) The Council, by means of its Decision of 7 April 2022 ⁽²⁾, 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) By letter dated 10 February 2025, EFSA was informed that Ms Isabel PEÑA-REY LORENZO, the member for Spain, resigned.
- (5) By letter dated 17 February 2025, EFSA was informed that Ms Pamela BYRNE, the member for Ireland, resigned.
- (6) Two new representatives should therefore be appointed to serve for the remainder of their respective predecessor's term of office.
- (7) The representatives that have been nominated by Ireland and Spain 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 persons are hereby appointed as members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority until 30 June 2026:

— Mr Greg DEMPSEY (Ireland),

— Mr Andrés BARRAGÁN URBIOLA (Spain).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/178/oj>.

⁽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

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

Done at Brussels, 26 May 2025.

For the Council

The President

C. SIEKIERSKI
