



EXPERT GROUP ON GENERAL FOOD LAW STATE OF PLAY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPARENCY REGULATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

26 JUNE 2020, 10-13H00

1. INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission opened the meeting and underlined the close cooperation of DG SANTE and EFSA on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation.

2. UPDATE ON EFSA PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS (PAs)

- *EFSA's Practical Arrangements for implementing the Access-to-documents Regulation and the Aarhus Regulation (new article 41 of GFL);*
- *EFSA's Practical Arrangements on transparency/confidentiality (new articles 38 and 39 to 39e of GFL);*
- *EFSA's Practical Arrangements on Pre-submission phase (new articles 32a, 32b and 32c of GFL);*
- *EFSA's Practical Arrangements on the confidentiality assessment in the area of Plant Protection Products (PPP).*

EFSA presented the progress made on each of these Practical Arrangements and explained the formal procedural requirements regarding engagement by law for each of the Practical Arrangements (PAs):

- PAs on Art. 38/39 of the GFL: This set of PAs is subject to formal consultation by COM but only as regards confidentiality provisions (article 39).
- PAs on Art. 32a/32b/32c of the GFL: This set of PAs, relevant to the updating of certain sectoral Commission implementing acts, is not subject to any formal consultation.

- PAs on confidentiality assessment in the area of PPP: This set of PAs are subject to formal consultation of Member States only, which will be taking place in the context of the PAFF section on PPP. A first presentation on the draft PAs will be held in July followed up by full formal consultation in writing.

As regards the EFSA's Practical Arrangements on transparency/confidentiality (new articles 38 and 39 to 39e of GFL), SANTE and EFSA replied to questions raised, taking into account that the Commission InterService Consultation on this set of PAs had not yet been formally completed. A summary of those replies can be found in annex.

The deadline for additional comments by Member States is **Friday 17 July 2020**.

3. STATE OF PLAY OF COM IMPLEMENTING ACTS

DG SANTE provided an update on the adaptation of seven COM implementing acts, that need to be aligned to the new provisions of the Transparency Regulation. DG SANTE informed the participants, that following the formal completion of the relevant Commission InterService Consultations on these draft acts, they will be subject to a "feedback mechanism" for a period of 4 weeks.

4. UPDATE ON IT-RELATED ASPECTS

- **FSCAP:** SANTE presented progress on the electronic submission system FSCAP that will be offered for all food domains except PPP and MRLs. SANTE highlighted that up to date contacts for competent authorities in each MS for each food domain should be provided by MS. One Member State suggested asking assistance of the EFSA Focal Points.
- **IUCLID:** EFSA presented progress of the IUCLID electronic submission system for PPP and MRLs.

5. AOB

DG SANTE envisaged to organise a follow up meeting of the Expert Group on GFL in late September.

SANTE informed the Member States that as regards stakeholders engagement, an ad-hoc working group meeting of the [Advisory Group on the food chain and animal and plant health](#) on Transparency Regulation implementation took place on 5 June and a follow up meeting with stakeholders would also be held in late September.