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Implementation of the 'Transparency Regulation'

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'Transparency' Regulation

- Publication: **6 September 2019**
- Entry into application: 27 March 2021
 - **Exception:** *New EFSA MB and appointment of experts in panels: **as of 1 July 2022***
- **Transitional measures:** *The new rules **will not** apply to requests for scientific output submitted to EFSA **before its entry into application***

What is next? (1)

- Considerable budget increase proposed in the MFF proposal:
 - EUR 62.5 million; and,
 - 106 additional posts
- **Budget negotiations still ongoing!**

What is next? (2)

- **By COM:**

- To ensure IT infrastructure to accommodate new requirements in close cooperation with EFSA/MS
- Align existing COM guidance/implementing acts in sectoral legislation to the new rules – this alignment needs to be coordinated with the alignment of EFSA guidances: By end of March 2021
- To adopt the general plan on risk communication (IA) – not subject to a deadline
- To adopt standard data formats for applications (IA)
- To carry out the fact-finding missions (within 4 years following entry into application) – findings to be presented in an overview report
- Contribute to ensure a smooth transition to the new EFSA governance model (MB)

What is next? (3)

By EFSA:

- To ensure IT infrastructure to accommodate new requirements in close cooperation with SANTE/MS
- Draw up draft standard data formats for further adoption by the Commission (IA)
- Develop new and/or align existing guidance in conformity to the new transparency rules (esp. in sectoral legislation)
- Prepare a smooth transition to the new EFSA governance model (MB) and selection process for experts in Panels

IT infrastructure – implementation elements (1)

- New Articles 38, 39-39g of the GFL (transparency/confidentiality):
 - Proactive public disclosure of all scientific studies in a readable and searchable e-format
 - Processing of confidentiality requests mainly by EFSA
 - Information systems fully auditable and at the highest standards of security

IT infrastructure – implementation elements (2)

- New Article 32b of the GFL - notification of commissioned studies)
- New Article 32c of the GFL – public consultations of studies
 - In the case of renewals, notification of intended studies, public consultation and provision of tailor-made advice (Article 32c(1) of the GFL)
 - Public consultation of all submitted studies (Article 32c(2) of the GFL)



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Thank you for your attention!