

# Implementation of the Transparency Regulation and stakeholder engagement

During the implementation phase of the Transparency Regulation, DG SANTE will interact with the stakeholders. This interaction will take place in accordance with an engagement framework jointly agreed and aligned between EFSA and DG SANTE.

# Applicable principles/framework

<u>Independence</u>: No undue influence will be allowed at any time during the implementation. DG SANTE and EFSA will inform stakeholders about the implementation of the Transparency Regulation in dedicated fora. No details regarding the implementation will be discussed with stakeholders, nor will any material be produced jointly with stakeholders. No substantive reply will be provided to individual stakeholder input outside the dedicated fora.

<u>Transparency</u>: Full transparency will be ensured throughout the process. DG SANTE and EFSA will address stakeholders' questions, positions, comments or feedback in the relevant fora in full transparency. A calendar of planned events will be communicated to stakeholders.

<u>Openness</u>: DG SANTE and EFSA will provide timely and clear information on the implementation to all stakeholders.

<u>Inclusiveness</u>: The dedicated fora in which the implementation will be discussed will be inclusive and stakeholders will be treated equally in the discussions. In meetings of a general nature all stakeholder categories will be invited. In technical meetings where expertise of one or more specific stakeholders' categories is needed, other categories will also be invited as observers.

<u>Flexibility</u>: Physical and/or on-line meetings will be complemented by dedicated public consultations where needed.

<u>Non-duplication</u>: There should be, to the extent possible, no duplication between the existing stakeholder engagement fora and the fora dedicated to the work on the implementation of the Transparency Regulation.

### Main engagement fora

DG SANTE will engage with stakeholders through the **SANTE Advisory Group on the** food chain and animal and plant health.

EFSA will engage with stakeholders in the context of the implementation through two main channels, the Sounding Board and technical groups.



**Sounding Board**: The objective of the Sounding Board (SB) is to keep stakeholders informed about the state of play of implementation in general, to collect comments stakeholders may have and to address questions where possible. It is composed of the Stakeholder Bureau members and up to one additional member per stakeholder category, Advisory Forum (AF) representatives and the European Commission.

**Technical groups**: The objective of technical groups is to inform stakeholders about the envisioned implementation process and to gather input on a specific technical area of focus. The technical groups will be composed of stakeholders working on the technical subject matter, EU Agencies' representatives, Member States, the European Commission and observers.

Further, meetings and written input from stakeholders will be dealt with as follows:

# WRITTEN INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS

Documents received from stakeholders will be published with clear mention of the title and stakeholder name/association. Documents will be published on the website of the receiver (DG SANTE or EFSA). The related DG SANTE and EFSA webpages will be interlinked to allow stakeholders to have a clear overview of all documents received by both entities. Publication of documents will take place with the consent of the sender. If the sender does not give their consent, the webpage will indicate the title of the document, the sender, and a reference that the relevant sender did not give its consent for the publication on the website.

### MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

To ensure full transparency and equal treatment of all stakeholders, content and questions on substance will be addressed in the dedicated fora in presence of all stakeholder categories (e.g. Sounding Board set up by EFSA), and not bilaterally with DG SANTE and/or EFSA. Full transparency must be ensured (e.g. through publication of agendas, reports or notes from the meeting and participants' lists). More technical questions (such as those concerning standard data formats) will be addressed in specific technical groups with the relevant stakeholders' categories, as appropriate (e.g. EFSA technical user groups).