

Food law, European Food Authority, and food safety

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The Commission is able to accept all amendments to the common position from the Parliament. The main differences of opinion that have been resolved relate to the composition and selection procedures for the Management Board and the selection of Executive Director. Parliament's amendments clarify the selection process for the appointments. Amendments relating to the transparency of the Authority and those concerning greater legal clarity for its procedures are acceptable. Amendments on the fees and budget are acceptable as they take into account the provision for EEA/EFTA countries financial contributions and the fact that if fees for authorisations are established in the future this will be done on the basis of a further report. The change to the name is acceptable. Other amendments concerning international obligations, the overall risk analysis procedure, and the responsibilities of food or feed businesses are also acceptable. The Commission agrees with the reformulation on whistle blowing. It should be added that no amendments are rejected.