European Food Safety Authority: term of office of Executive Director

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Giuseppe **GARGANI** (EPP-ED, IT), and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal:

-Parliament inserted a clause stating that the Executive Director will be appointed by the Management Board, on the basis of a list of candidates proposed by the Commission, after hearing the opinion of the representative appointed by the European Parliament and after an open competition, following publication in the Official Journal of the EU and elsewhere of a call for expressions of interest, for a period of five years. Before appointment the candidate nominated by the Management Board shall be invited without delay to make a statement before the European Parliament and answer questions put by members of that institution. The Executive Director may be removedfrom office by a majority of the Management Board;

-the term of office of the Executive Director may be extended once by the Management Board after hearing the opinion of the representative appointed by the European Parliament. Parliament deleted the requirement that the extension of the term should be on a proposal from the Commission;

-the Management Board, and not the Commission, must carry out the evaluation. A new paragraph states that the evaluation shall be submitted without delay to the Commission and to the European Parliament.