Implementation of the ‘Transparency Regulation’

EXPERT GROUP ON GENERAL FOOD LAW
21 JANUARY 2020, BRUSSELS

DG SANTE, Food chain science and stakeholder relations
‘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)
Thank you for your attention!