

# Procedure file

Basic information	
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European Food Safety Authority: term of office of Executive Director	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs		15/06/2005
		PPE-DE <a href="#">GARGANI Giuseppe</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		21/06/2005
		PSE <a href="#">HAUG Jutta</a>	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Human Resources and Security</a>	ŠEFČOVIČ Maroš	

Key events			
13/05/2005	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2005)0190</a>	Summary
07/06/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/11/2005	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
28/11/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A6-0354/2005</a>	
13/12/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/12/2005	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T6-0476/2005</a>	Summary
21/05/2014	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2005/0081(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 114-p1; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 168-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	JURI/6/28480

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2005)0190</a>	13/05/2005	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SEC(2005)0625</a>	13/05/2005	EC	Summary
Committee opinion	ENVI	<a href="#">PE362.503</a>	12/10/2005	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE364.863</a>	07/11/2005	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0354/2005</a>	28/11/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0476/2005</a>	13/12/2005	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES1506/2005</a> <a href="#">OJ C 065 17.03.2006, p. 0131-0134</a>	15/12/2005	ESC	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2006)0053</a>	12/01/2006	EC	

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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**PURPOSE** : to amend Regulation 178/2002/EC as regards the term of office of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority.

**PROPOSED ACT** : Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT** : in the European Union there are now 20 decentralised bodies which can be categorised as Community agencies on account of their common features: establishment on a legal basis, legal personality, administrative and financial autonomy, clearly defined sphere of responsibility and action, etc.

The head of each Community agency usually has the title director and in some cases is assisted by one or more deputies. The director's term of office is generally 4-5 years. Most of the basic Regulations nevertheless provide for the director's term of office and, where applicable, that of the deputies, to be extended for one or more further periods. The conditions governing appointment and term of office are laid down in each basic Regulation for each agency.

Until recently, the body responsible for appointment simply adopted a decision extending an incumbent director's term of office. Having examined the basic Regulations in more detail, however, the Commission has concluded that this practice poses a legal problem.

According to the Commission, the fact that the term of office is renewable must be interpreted as meaning that, when the term of office ends, the incumbent has to apply for a new term. Applied to the agencies, this interpretation leads to the conclusion that the possibility of renewing the director's term of office does not exempt the incumbent from following the appointment procedure laid down in the basic Regulation. Moreover, agency directors and their deputies are not only office-holders but also agency staff members employed under temporary contracts and subject to the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities. The appointment procedure must therefore include publication of the post in all Member States and a selection process in compliance with the rules deriving from the basic Regulations and the Conditions of employment of other servants.

As these procedures are generally lengthy and relatively expensive and given the agencies' special needs and the practice in past years, the Commission proposes to avoid a full selection procedure each time that the first term of office for a director's or other relevant person's post comes to an end by either extending the current term of office or launching a new selection procedure in order to ensure continuity in the agency's administrative management. A decision to extend an incumbent director's term of office must be based on a prior assessment of their performance and of the agency's needs, conducted by the authority proposing candidates to the appointing authority, and extension may be authorised only once and for a limited period not exceeding that stipulated for the initial term of office.

In total, amendment of the articles relating to appointment is proposed in respect of 18 agencies ? resulting in the presentation of 18 proposals for Regulations amending the basic Regulation for each agency.

The main aim of this proposal is to harmonise the rules on the conditions and procedures applicable to extending the term of office of the Director, Deputy Director or President, as appropriate, of certain Community agencies.

Provision should be made to extend this term of office once, after adequate evaluation.

It is proposed that on a proposal from the Commission and after an evaluation, the term of office of the Executive Director may be extended once for a period of not more than five years.

In the evaluation, the Commission shall assess in particular:

- the results achieved in the first term of office and the way in which they have been achieved;
- the Authority?s duties and requirements in the coming years.

Lastly, regarding the two agencies in respect of which a proposal for a Regulation has already been presented and is being examined or is in the process of being adopted (the European Chemicals Agency and the Community Fisheries Control Agency), the Commission will as necessary present proposals for amendments with a view to harmonising the texts for all the Community agencies.

Similarly, no proposals have been presented for amendment of the acts setting up agencies and other bodies under the second and third pillars.

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Giuseppe GARGANI (EPP-ED, IT), broadly approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure. However, MEPs adopted amendments aimed at giving Parliament a role in the procedures for the appointment of the Executive Director and the renewal of his/her term of office.

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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 removed from 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.

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As announced in Official Journal C 153 of 21 May 2014, the Commission decided to withdraw this proposal, which had become obsolete.