

OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY ON THE FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing an European Chemicals Agency, and in particular Article 97 thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of the European Chemicals Agency adopted on 28 February 2014 (Management Board Decision 03/2014 – MB/WP/03/2014) and in particular Article 99 thereof,

Having regard to the preliminary observations adopted by the European Court of Auditors of 28 May 2018,

WHEREAS:

- (1) On receipt of the European Court of Auditors' preliminary observations on the Agency's Provisional Annual Accounts, the Accounting Officer shall draw up the Agency's Final Annual Accounts and the Executive Director shall forward them to the Management Board for an opinion;
- (2) The Management Board shall deliver an opinion on the Agency's Final Annual Accounts;
- (3) By 1 July 2018, the Executive Director shall send the Final Annual Accounts 2017, together with the opinion of the Management Board, to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the European Court of Auditors.

HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

The Management Board notes that the European Court of Auditors, in its preliminary observations on the Provisional Annual Accounts 2017, has made no reservation concerning the implementation of the European Chemicals Agency's annual budget for 2017.

On the basis of the examination of the Final Annual Accounts, submitted to it on 6 June 2018 by the Executive Director, and on the basis of the Court's observations, the Management Board has obtained sufficient assurance to conclude that the accounts for the year 2017, taken as a whole, present a true and fair view of the Agency's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and properly reflect the implementation of the Agency's budget for the year 2017.

The Management Board notes the comments in the Court of Auditors preliminary observations, which do not call into question their opinion that the accounts of the Agency are presented fairly, and looks forward to receiving the Court's final observations.

Done at Helsinki, 20 June 2018

For the Management Board

The Chair

signed

Sharon McGUINNESS