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Advisory Committee on Procurement and Contract (ACPC) Management Board meeting 4 October 2012

Background note

At the 7 June 2012 Management Board meeting, Members were presented with the draft Decision on setting ACPC (EMA/269255/2012), and the draft Rules of procedure of the ACPC (EMA/269247/2012) as means to strengthen and improve the Agency's layers of checks and controls. While general support for the Agency's approach was expressed, suggestions from the European Commission, which might further improve provisions, were to be awaited. It was agreed that the Board will be informed of the revised documents, accordingly.

Matters for consideration

Following consultation with the European Commission services the following amendments have been added:

- The chairperson shall be grade AD9 or above (*Article 1 – Structure of members of the ACPC*)
- Members of the ACPC are not delegated officers for procurement related expenditures and have experience in procurement matters (*Article 1 – Structure of members of the ACPC*)
- The threshold for opinion by the ACPC for all new contracts except negotiated procedures has reduced from €250 000 to €130 000 and, for negotiated procedures the threshold has been reduced from €130 000 to €60 000. (*Article 2 (1b) and (1c) – Scope of the ACPC*)

