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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EMEA Management Board adopts fee implementing rule and looks at Agency's corporate governance**

The EMEA Management Board met on 5 June 2003, under the vice-chairman Dr Philippe Duneton.

Preparation for enlargement of the European Union from 1 May 2004 is a key priority for the EMEA. Heads of national competent authorities from current EU Member States and the 10 accession countries were invited to join the Management Board for this meeting.

The Board adopted a decision bringing together in one document all its past decisions on implementation of the Council Regulation on fees payable to the EMEA. This consolidated decision, which will be published shortly on the EMEA web site, includes the EMEA definitions of situations in which reduced fees will apply for scientific advice, follow-up scientific advice requests and type II variations. The new decision incorporates the fee increases adopted by the European Commission in March 2003.

The corporate governance of the Agency was the subject of two decisions. The first was to approve the creation of an audit committee to advise the Executive Director on audit activities, risk management and accountability matters. The advisory committee will have 5 members, appointed by the Agency's Director. Three members will be appointed from outside the Agency and will include the audit committee's chairman. The second corporate governance decision was the adoption of the Agency's new financial regulation and implementing rules. These new rules bring the EMEA into line with the new financial provisions that govern all EU institutions and bodies.

The next meeting of the Management Board is on 2 October 2003.

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#### NOTES:

1. The 10 accession countries are Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. They are set to join the EU on 1 May 2004. Bulgaria and Romania are currently negotiating for accession in 2007. At the invitation of the EMEA Executive Director, the accession countries began participating in EMEA scientific committee meetings in April 2003.
2. This press release, together with other information about the work of the EMEA, may be found on the EMEA web site at the following location: <http://www.emea.eu.int>

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