

## **FoodDrinkEurope statement on the adoption of the report on transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment model in the food chain**

**(Brussels, 17 April 2019)** FoodDrinkEurope, representing Europe's food and drink industry, takes note of the adoption of the regulation on transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment model in the food chain.

FoodDrinkEurope supports the objective of this proposal, which is to improve transparency in the EU risk assessment model and to strengthen the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). FoodDrinkEurope has expressed its concern on the potential impact the proposal may have on the competitiveness of the EU food and drink industry and welcomes initiatives that have been introduced to the regulation to protect innovation within the EU risk assessment model.

FoodDrinkEurope members have committed to increase the value added of the sector by 2.5-3.5% annually and the industry is on track to achieve this; but we need a policy landscape that is open to growth and to research and innovation. We look forward to continuing towards this goal, working with EFSA and all stakeholders along the food supply chain.

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*Note to the editors:*

*FoodDrinkEurope is the organisation of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (294,000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.6 million employees)*