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**NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATING IN THE SME PANEL**

**Subject: SME Panel consultation of the Enterprise Europe Network**

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

In the framework of its **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme** and with the **aim of achieving a more SME-friendly regulatory environment** the European Commission supports the **SME panels, a mechanism of consultation of SMEs via the Enterprise Europe Network**, on specific areas of EU policy.

In the next weeks, your local Enterprise Europe Network partner is organising an SME Panel related to the following issue:

***Possible introduction of fees for authorisation applications  
to the European Food Safety Authority***

For obtaining the views of the SME Panel on the policy options envisaged by the European Commission, your local Enterprise Europe Network partner will use the material provided by the Commission. The data and information gained through the Panel will be used by the European Commission in its further preparatory works in the specific EU policy area.

Your participation in the Panel can be a vital contribution **to ensuring that SMEs' are increasingly involved in the EU policy making process and that their opinions are directly taken into account**. Therefore, I very much hope that you will be able to participate in this important panel.

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