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Geert Dancet elected as Executive Director for ECHA

The Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) elected today Mr. Geert Dancet as the candidate for the position of the Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency. Mr. Dancet shall be invited to make a statement before the European Parliament prior to the formal appointment by the ECHA Management Board on 17 December 2007.

The term of the office of the Executive Director is five years. It may be prolonged by the Management Board once for another period of up to five years.

Geert Dancet has served as ECHA's interim Executive Director since 1 June 2007, the date of entry into force of the new REACH regulation. Since 1986 he has held various expert and management positions with the European Commission. Importantly he was since 2004 the Head of the REACH unit during different stages of the regulatory process leading to the adoption of the Regulation in December 2006. In that capacity, he was also in charge of preparatory activities for the creation of the Chemicals Agency and the implementation of REACH.

Economist by training, Mr. Dancet was born in 1956. He is Belgian and married with four children. He likes travelling, biking and jogging.
