

# Declaration of impartiality for external experts of the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment

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