Before the risk managers (European Commission, competent authority in Member States) can authorise a regulated product/process or a health claim, in the majority of cases an application has to be submitted for evaluation by EFSA. A complex legal environment governs the diversity of types of regulated products within EFSA’s remit. The procedures for submission of applications and the required information vary widely in each area, according to the specific legislation and applicable guidance (explanatory documents that support the preparation of an application). In the regulated products areas within EFSA’s remit, there are 34 different relevant EU directives and regulations, with 39 different workflows.

Please note that this chart is for general information purposes only. Depending on the relevant sectoral legislation certain details may or may not be applicable.

For further information on the legislative regulatory framework please consult the DG SANTE website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/health-and-food-safety_en