Inputs to the
5th Meeting of EFSA technical group
on Notification of Studies

- **The system is developing positively with continuous improvements being made.**
  - EFSA staff responsiveness is much appreciated.

- **We see opportunities for improvement in order to increase efficiency of the process**

- **Continue dialogue and opportunities for exchange are very much appreciated and hope this will continue in the future**

Database related / technical topics:
Correction and accuracy of entries

- **Currently the Business Operator has no possibility to check if the entries were made correctly, as no export functionality exists and the access to EFSA.connect is limited**
    - ❑ The implementation of the export functionality being announced for Q3/2022 is highly anticipated.
    - ❑ The export should be a data format (e.g. XLSX, CSV, XLM), not an unstructured text file.

- **In the future, an import functionality allowing for validation would increase efficiency of the notification process. For achieving this two elements are critical**
    - ❑ Validation of data upon upload against picklists etc.
    - ❑ Background Lists as implemented in the NoS DB should be made available

Database related / technical topics: Missing options for changes

- **Change of connection to Pre-Application ID (PAI)**
  - ❑ It may happen that a study is wrongly connected to a PAI. To be useful as an identifier, only studies actually submitted in a respective dossier should be in that PAI.
  - ❑ Thus moving a study from one PAI to another or deleting "the link" (to the PAI) should be possible.
  - ❑ A justification for non-submission needs to be given in any case, regardless of whether a notified study is linked to the relevant PAI (e.g. residue studies not being finalized on time and use is shifted to later MRL application).
  - ❑ PAI/Study relation must be changeable, at any time, even after the notification is completed

- **Selection and change of Lab/Test Facility**
  - ❑ The selection of the correct Lab in the system is very challenging:
    - ▪ Names may be very similar, as the different legal entities of a Lab may have just slightly different names.
    - ▪ Search of further attributes of the Lab is not possible (e.g. city)
    - ▪ Further attributes are also not visible when selecting the Lab
    - ▪ Full dataset of the Lab is only visible when notification is done. Thus if the selected Lab is wrong, the study needs to be withdrawn and submitted again with a risk being too late.
  - **→ At the time of the selection of the Lab, the full information needs to be visible, before the notification is submitted.** Internal

Database related / technical topics:

- **Sharing NoS ID**
  - ❑ Once the planned study completion date has expired, it is not possible to share the NoS ID. The functionality "sharing with" should be possible at any time.
  - ❑ Case of companies divesting ownership of studies to another company

- **Task Forces**
  - It should be possible to remove a 'shared with' link with a former Task Force members

- **Item lists**
  - ❑ Study list for download on EFSA website does not always match what's in the actual NoS DB.
  - ❑ Information on what is new/changed/deleted in those list of entries is not communicated to applicants (*e.g.*, recent +40 new entries without notification).
  - ❑ There are still duplicates in the study type list (*e.g.*, for GMOs).