The application procedure is described in Regulation EC 1935/2004. The application submitted under Regulation EC 1935/2004 must be compiled according to EFSA's guidance. Applications should be submitted to the competent Authority of a Member State, which will make the application available to EFSA.

**Legend:**
- Applicant
- Member State Authority
- European Commission (EC)
- EFSA

**Pre-submission phase**
- Potential applicant requests general pre-submission advice (optional)

**Submission phase & completeness check**
- Potential applicant notifies studies commissioned or carried out as of 27 March 2021
- Applicant submits the application via e-submission system to Member State Authority
- Member State Authority tasks (mandate) EFSA and makes the application available to EFSA
- Receipt of the application by EFSA and completeness check
- EFSA validates** the application
- EFSA launches public consultation on the application dossier
- EFSA performs thorough risk assessment
- EFSA Panel adopts the scientific output
- EFSA publishes the scientific output

**Risk assessment phase**
- 6 months + Request of additional information***

**Post-adoption phase**
- Based on EFSA's opinion the EC prepares a draft specific measure

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* EFSA aims at providing its 1st feedback on Completeness check within 30 working days after receipt of the application. In case certain parts of the application need modification or completion in order to be considered valid, EFSA requests the missing information to the applicant.

** In certain cases, the application might be declared as non-valid (see EFSA administrative guidance for further information).

*** In case of a request of additional information, the scientific risk assessment process is put on hold until the requested additional information is supplied by the applicant.