Application procedure for feed additives

The application procedure for authorisations is described in Regulation EC 1831/2003. Further scientific and technical requirements and instructions are provided in Commission Regulation EC 429/2008 as well as in the administrative and scientific EFSA Guidance documents. Applications should be submitted to the European Commission (EC), which forwards the application to EFSA. EFSA carries out the risk assessment whilst the European Commission decides whether or not to authorise the feed additive.

Legend:
- Applicant
- EC
- EFSA

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

Submission phase & completeness check
- Applicant submits application via e-submission system to the EC
- The EC check the application and forwards it to EFSA for the risk assessment procedure
- 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
- Based on EFSA’s opinion the EC prepares a draft specific Regulation granting or refusing the authorisation

Post-adoption phase
- 6 months + Request of additional 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.

*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).