



Application procedure for food additives, flavouring and food enzymes

The application procedure for food additives, food enzymes and flavourings is set down in Regulation EC 1331/2008. Further administrative and technical requirements for applications are explained in Commission Regulation EU 234/2011. Applications should be submitted to the European Commission (EC), which has provided a practical guidance for applicants containing a check list and useful addresses, contact points and relevant documents. EFSA has published scientific guidance documents detailing the requirements for preparing the applications.

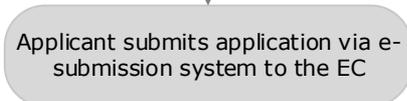
Legend:

- Applicant
- EC
- EFSA

Pre-submission phase



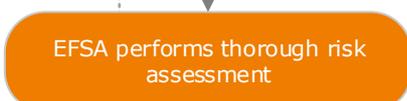
Regulation EC 1331/2008
Regulation EU 234/2011



30 working days (legal deadline)*



Submission phase & suitability check



9 months + Request of additional information**

Confidentiality decision-making and proactive disclosure

Risk assessment phase



Post-adoption phase

*In case certain parts of the application need modification or completion in order to be considered suitable the applicant receives a request to provide missing information.

#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.