The application procedure for novel food authorisation is set down in Article 10 of Regulation EU 2015/2283. Applicants who intend to place on the EU market a novel food should submit an application to the European Commission (EC), following the requirements established in the legislation and EFSA’s guidance documents.

**Legend:**
- Applicant
- EC
- EFSA

**Pre-submission phase**

1. Potential applicant requests general pre-submission advice (optional)
2. Potential applicant notifies studies commissioned or carried out as of 27 March 2021

**Submission phase & suitability check**

1. Applicant submits application via e-submission system to the EC
2. The EC may consult EFSA on the suitability of the application
3. Receipt of the application by EFSA and suitability check
4. EFSA declares the application suitable

**Risk assessment phase**

1. EC validates* the application and mandates EFSA for risk assessment
2. EFSA launches public consultation on the application dossier
3. EFSA performs thorough risk assessment
4. EFSA Panel adopts the scientific output
5. EFSA publishes the scientific output

**Post-adoption phase**

1. Based on EFSA’s opinion the EC prepares a draft implementing act

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*In case certain parts of the application need modification or completion in order to be considered valid, EC 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.**