The notification procedure for traditional food authorisation is set down in Article 14 of Regulation EU 2015/2283. Notifiers who intend to place on the EU market a traditional food from a third country, may opt to submit a notification to the European Commission (EC). When the Member State (MS) or EFSA submit duly reasoned safety objections to the EC the traditional food concerned shall not be authorised for its placing on the EU market. In that case, the notifier may submit an application for traditional food, as set down in Article 16.

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**Legend:**

- Applicant
- Member State (MS)
- European Commission (EC)
- EFSA

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**Pre-submission phase**

1. Potential notifier requests general pre-submission advice (optional)

2. Potential notifier notifies studies commissioned or carried out as of 27 March 2021

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**Submission phase & suitability check**

3. Notifier submits notification via e-submission system to the EC

4. The EC may consult EFSA and MS on the suitability of the notification

5. EFSA and MS perform the suitability check of the notification

6. EFSA and MS provide the suitability consultation outcome to the EC

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**Post-adopter phase**

7. The EC validates the notification and forwards it to MS and EFSA

8. MS and EFSA perform the safety evaluation

9. If no safety objections have been submitted to the EC the traditional food concerned can be authorised for its placing on the market

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* In case certain parts of the notification need modification or completion in order to be considered valid, EC requests the missing information to the notifiers.

** In certain cases, the notification might be declared as non-valid.
The application procedure for traditional foods authorisation is set down in Article 16 of Regulation EU 2015/2283. Where duly reasoned safety objections were raised by a Member State (MS) or EFSA for a notification for a traditional food from a third country, the applicant has the possibility to submit an application to the European Commission (EC), including the documented data relating to the safety objections raised, and following the requirements established in the legislation and EFSA’s guidance documents.

**Legend:**
- **Applicant**
- **European Commission (EC)**
- **EFSA**

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**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**
3. **Applicant submits the application via e-submission system to the EC**
4. **The EC may consult EFSA on the suitability of the application**
5. **Receipt of the application by EFSA and suitability check**
6. **EFSA declares the application suitable**
7. **EC validates** the application and mandates EFSA for risk assessment
8. **EFSA launches public consultation on the application dossier**
9. **EFSA performs thorough risk assessment**
10. **EFSA Panel adopts the scientific output**
11. **EFSA publishes the scientific output**
12. **Based on EFSA’s opinion the EC prepares a draft implementing act**

**Post-adoption phase**

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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.