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Assessment of feed additives that improve the diet utilisation in the European Union

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Part I

Authorisation of feed additives in the European Union

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the functional group ‘Digestibility Enhancers’

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**In order to be placed on the EU market,
feed additives need to undergo an
authorisation procedure as
established in the Regulation (EC) No
1831/2003**

Feed Additives: Substances, micro-organisms or preparations, other than feed material and premixtures intentionally added to feed or water in order to:

- ✓ Favourably affect the characteristics of feed, animal products and the colour of ornamental fish and birds
- ✓ Satisfy the nutritional needs of animals
- ✓ Favourably affect the environmental consequences of animal production
- ✓ Favourably affect animal production, performance or welfare
- ✓ Have a coccidiostat or histomonostatic effect

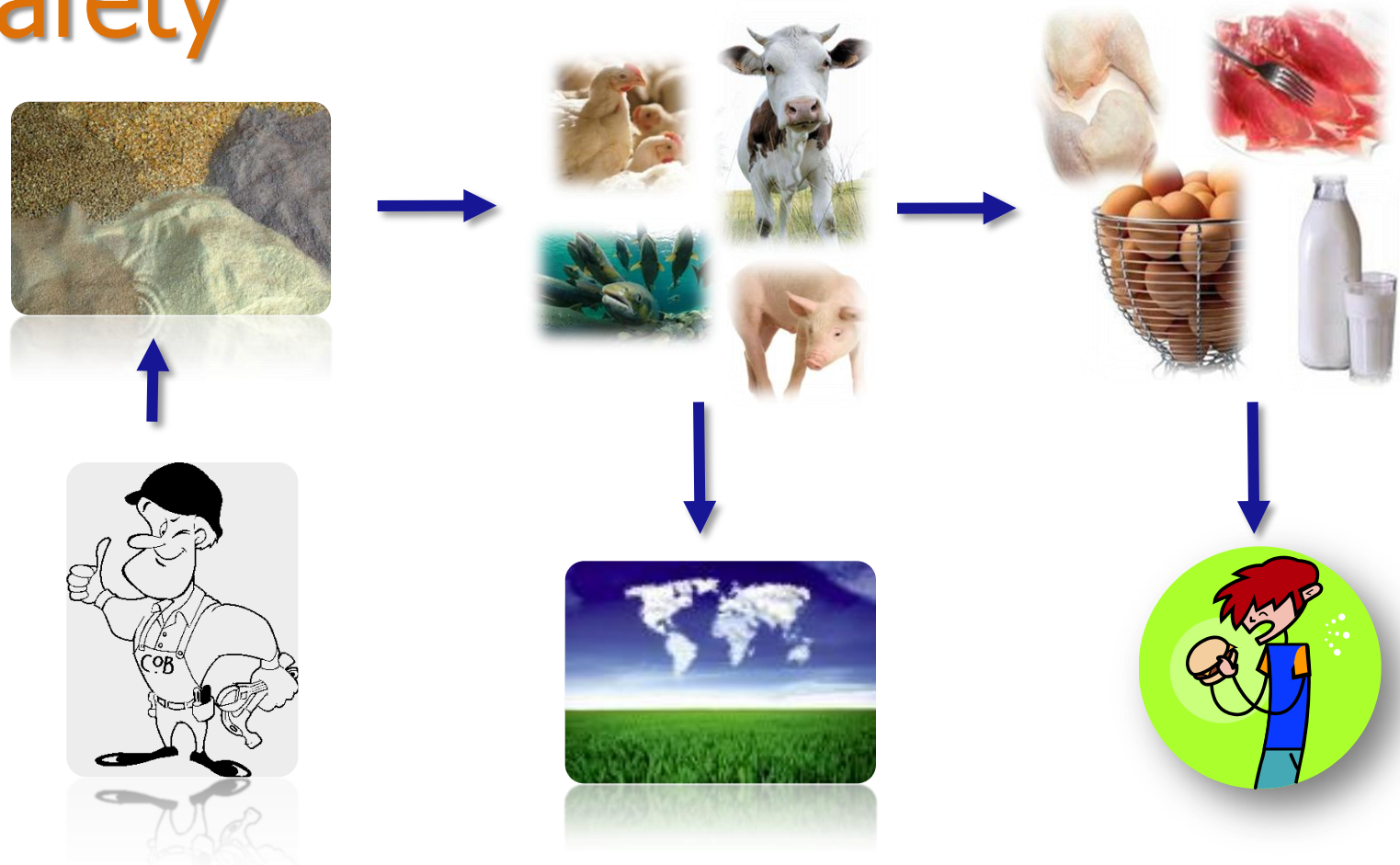
Feed additives categories

- ✓ **Technological** preservatives, antioxidants, emulsifiers, stabilisers, thickeners, silage...
- ✓ **Sensory** colourants, flavouring compounds.
- ✓ **Nutritional** vitamins, trace elements, amino acids, urea
- ✓ **Zootechnical additives** digestibility enhancers, gut flora stabilisers, substances which favourably affect the environment, other zootechnical additives
- ✓ **Coccidiostats and histomonostats**

**In order to obtain the
authorisation an additive
has to be basically**

**Safe and
efficacious**

Safety



Conditions for the authorisation (2/2)

Efficacy The claim(s) made by the applicant should be demonstrated

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Feed additives in the EU

Who is Who

Applicant

The requestor

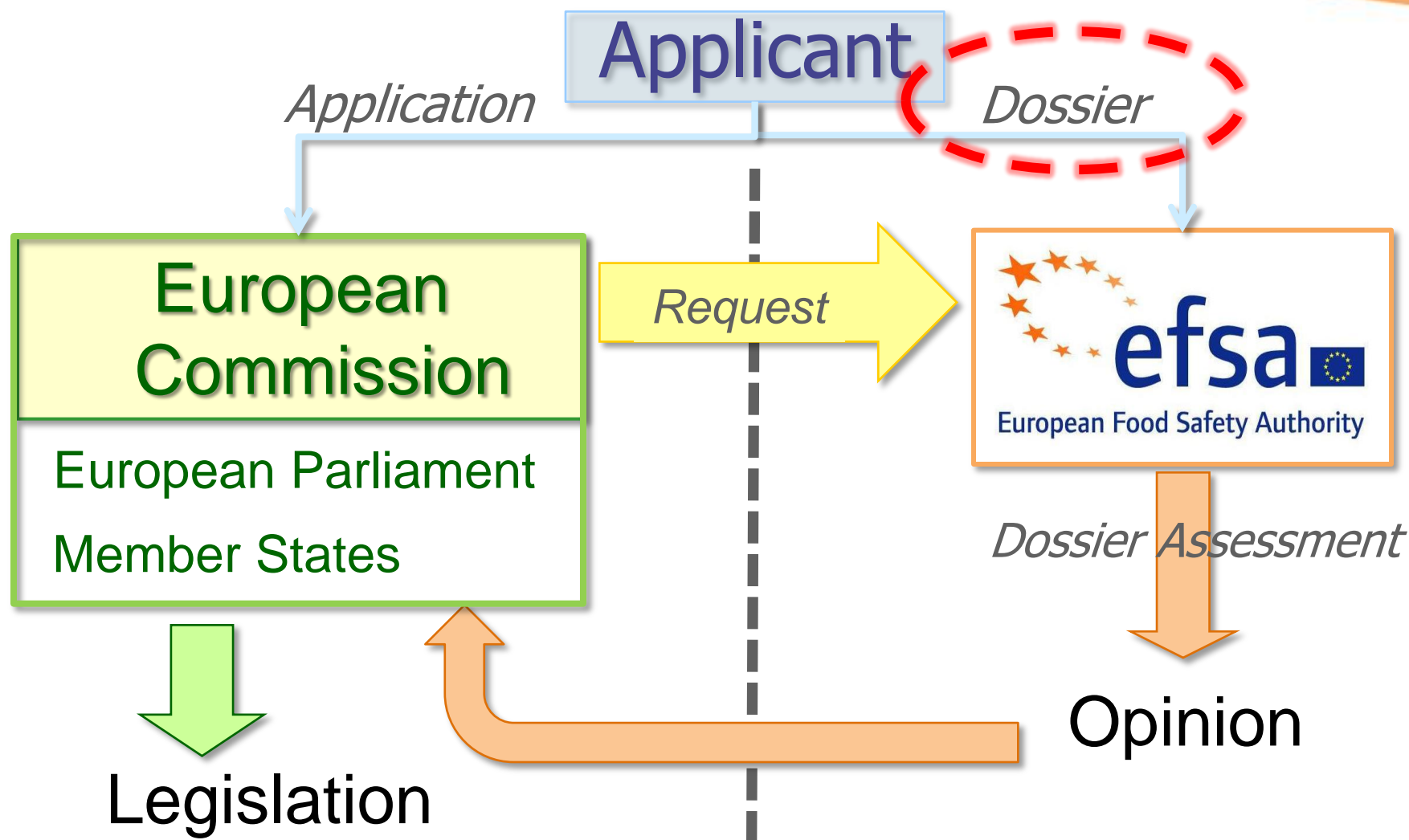
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Risk Manager



Risk Assessor

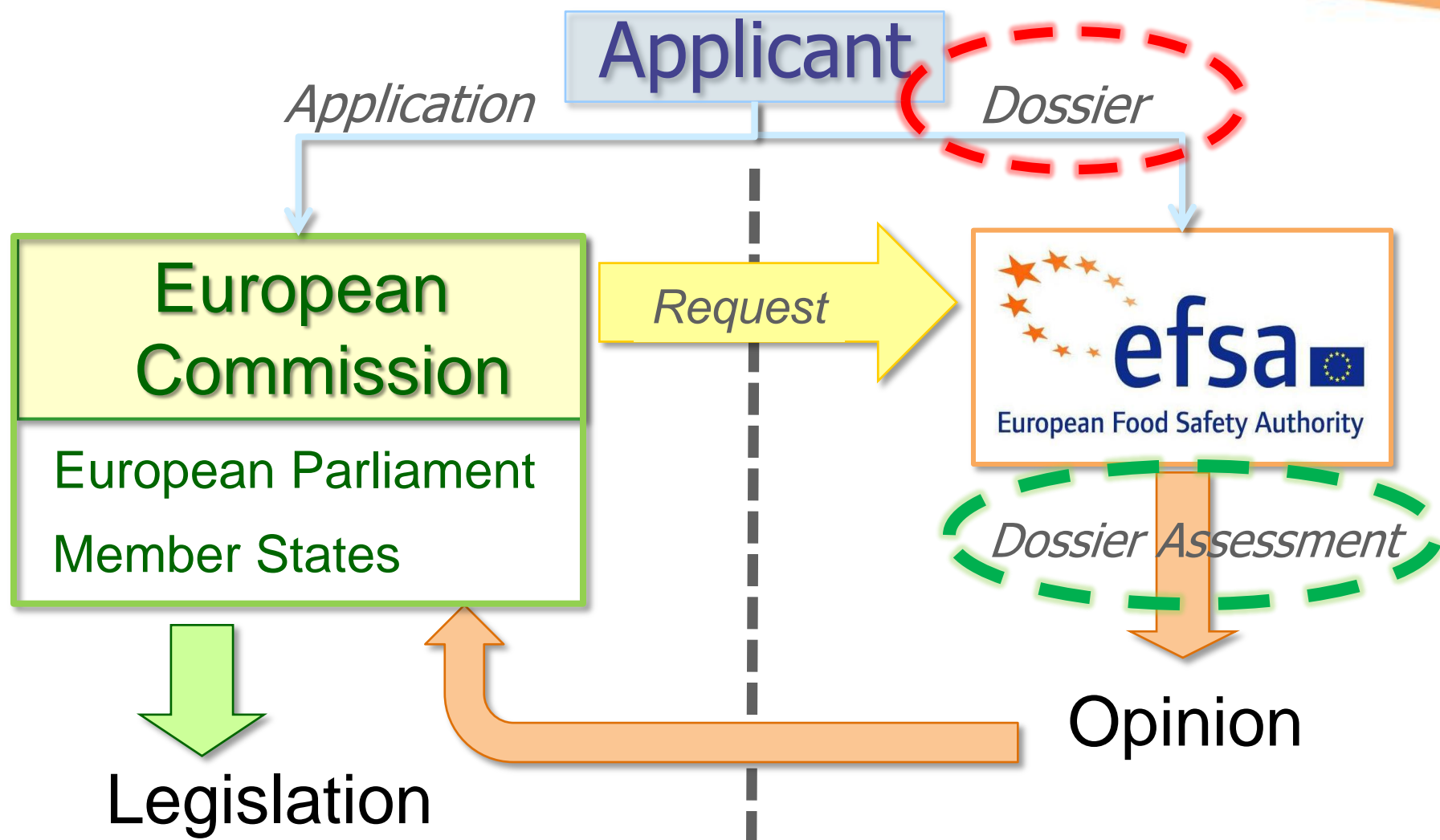
Feed additives in the EU



The Dossier

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- ✓ **Section IV:** Studies concerning the efficacy of the additive
- ✓ **Section V:** Post-market monitoring plan

Feed additives in the EU





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Zootechnical additives:

Any additive used to affect favourably the performance of animals in good health or used to affect favourably the environment

- ✓ Digestibility enhancers,
- ✓ Gut-flora stabilisers,
- ✓ Substances which favourably affect the environment,
- ✓ Other zootechnical additives

Zootechnical additives

Digestibility enhancers

“Substances which, when fed to animals, increase the digestibility of the diet, through action on target feed materials”



Enzymes

Other types of additives with different mode of action

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✓ **Section II - Identity**

Description of the additive in terms of

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Composition

Enzyme activity

Carriers

Batch to batch variation

Purity

μ contamination

Mycotoxins

Heavy metals and AS

Production strain

Spent medium

Production strain

Id. and deposition number

Genetic modification

Toxins

Antibiotic production

Physico-chemical properties

Shelf-life

Stability in premixtures and feed

Homogeneity

Conditions of use

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✓ Section III – Safety (1/4)

Safety for the target species



Tolerance studies

To provide a limited evaluation of the short-term toxicity of the additive for the **target animals**

- Multi-fold overdose of the product
- Monitoring of the health status, performance, gross pathology and blood haematology and chemistry

✓ Section III – Safety (2/4)

Safety for the consumer



Toxicological tests

To evaluate the safety for the consumer of food products derived from animals fed the additive and containing residues of the additive or its metabolites

- Set of Genotoxicity-mutagenicity studies
- Sub-chronic oral toxicity study

Test substance: fermentation product

✓ Section III – Safety (3/4)

Safety for the user/worker



The additive has to be safe for those people handling the additive or feed containing the additive

- Irritant capacity skin and if negative on the eye
- Skin sensitisation
- Enzymes are considered respiratory sensitisers

Test substance: the additive

✓ Section III – Safety (4/4)

Safety for the environment



The additive must be safe for the environment

- Normally, no risks for the environment are expected from the use of enzymes
- Products produced by a GMO, special attention should be paid to the presence of recombinant DNA in the final product

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✓ Section IV – Efficacy (1/2)

Efficacy shall be demonstrated in 3 studies showing positive effects on relevant parameters

How it should be demonstrated:

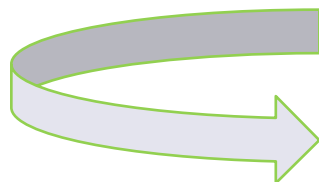
- three *in vivo* long term studies
- two different locations (1 in the EU)
- target categories/species
- performance parameters (zootechnical)
- minimum recommended dose

However...

✓ Section IV – Efficacy (2/2)

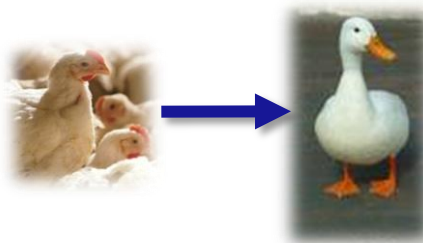
a) Phytases:

Efficacy can be demonstrated in short-term studies



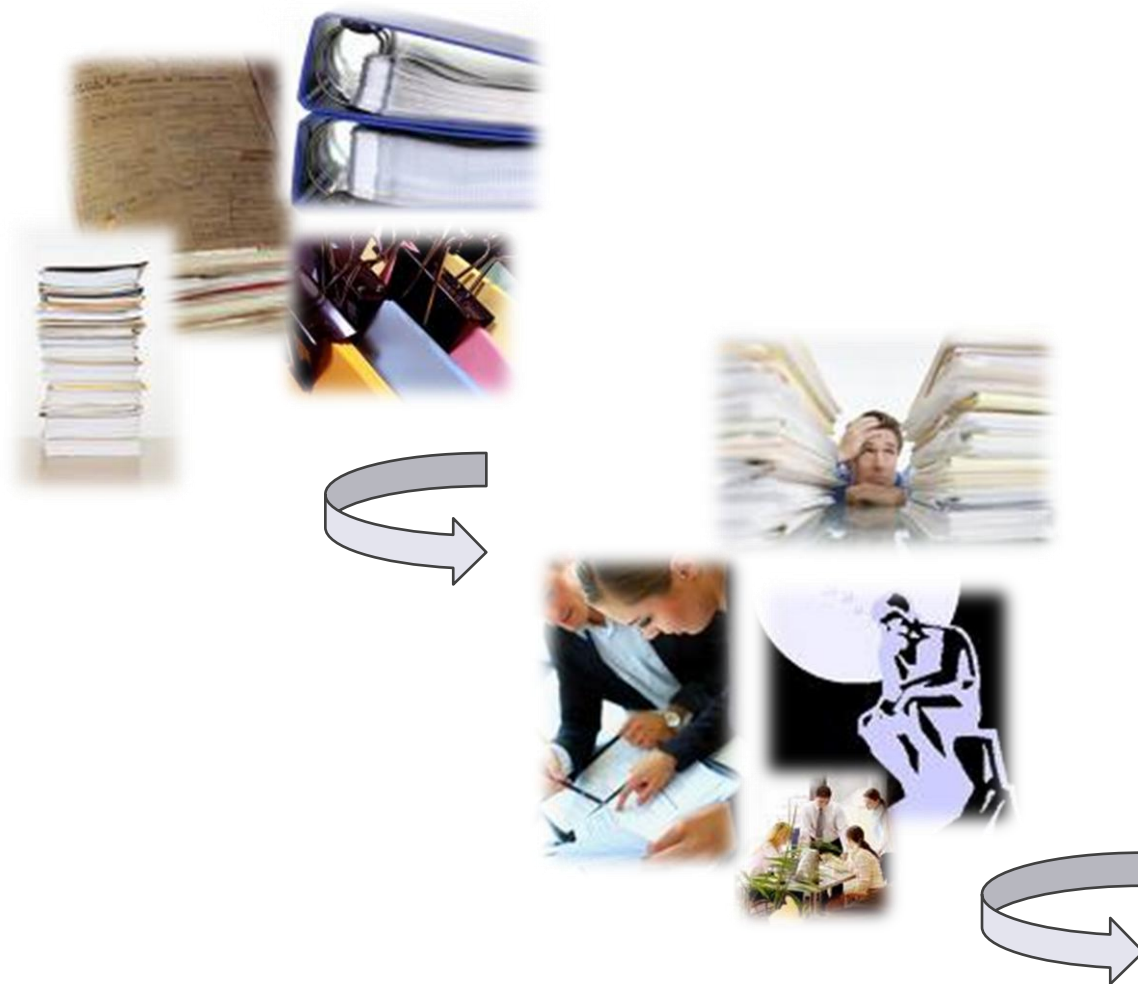
b) Extrapolation: Efficacy can be extrapolated directly from major to minor species physiologically related (tolerance)

Mode of action



Dose

Digestibility enhancers - Enzymes



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Community register of feed additives

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/animalnutrition/feed
additives/comm_register_feed_additives_1831-
03.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/animalnutrition/feed_additives/comm_register_feed_additives_1831-03.pdf)



FEEDAP Guidance

Guidance documents provide detailed guidance to the applicants in the preparation and presentation of feed additives dossiers

T e c h n o l o g i c a l	S e n s o r y	Tolerance/efficacy	N u t r i t i o n a l	Z o o t e c h n i c a l	C o c c i d i o s t a t
		Consumer/User			
		Environment			
		Minor species			
		Microbial studies			
		Food additives			
		Re-evaluation			



Experts

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/AboutEfsa/WhoWeAre/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1178712806106.htm



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Thanks for your
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Questions?