

Food Innovation

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Food Safety Authority of Ireland

- Government agency responsible for coordinating the enforcement of food law in Ireland
- Statutory body since 01 January 1999, established under the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998
- Independent science based agency under the aegis of the DoH
- Transparent and accountable
- No policy remit or research budget
- Remit from the farm gate onwards



Food of animal origin Food of non- animal origin Food contact materials

Food Information for Consumers

General Food Law Nutrition and health claims Food Improvement Agents

Microbiological criteria Contaminants

Hygiene of Foodstuffs Food hygiene

Novel Food Food supplements

Irradiation GMOs

Foods for Specific groups Fortified foods





EU Law



Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation lays down rules on food additives used in foods with a view to ensuring the effective functioning of the internal market whilst ensuring a high level of protection of human health and a high level of consumer protection, including the protection of consumer interests and fair practices in food trade, taking into account, where appropriate, the protection of the environment.





Brexit

- Approximately 12,000 EU laws transferred to UK statute book

“Many EU regulations may need adjusting as they are transferred, and the bill proposes the broad use of existing “Henry VIII powers” that allow ministers to amend legislation without full parliamentary scrutiny.”
- GMO
- Irradiated food Regulations (*in review after 20 years*)
- Novel food
- Food additives
- Nutrition & Health claims
- Food supplements
- Food contact materials
- Nanotechnology





EFSA to give scientific advice on sugar added to food

Five European countries have asked EFSA to provide scientific advice on the daily intake of added sugar in food. EFSA aims to establish a science-based cut-off value for the intake of added sugar that is not linked to adverse health effects.

> Story



Feed additives: join the discussion groups



EFSA in 2016: ensuring food safety for European consumers



Renewal of EFSA's Management Board – call for applications

HIGHLIGHTS

all news

EVENTS

go to calendar



EFSA chairs network of EU agencies



Conference on Xylella fastidiosa: finding answers to a global problem

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114th Plenary meeting of the Panel on Genetically Modified...



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112th Plenary meeting of the BIOHAZ Panel

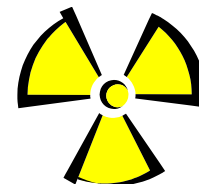
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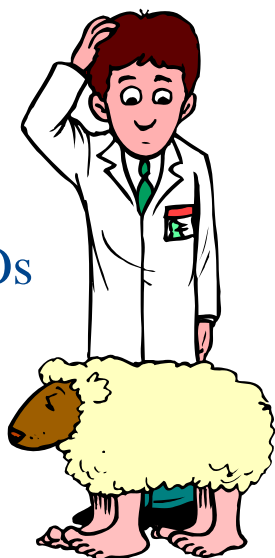
Pasteurisation



Ionising
Radiation



GMOs



UV Treatment
Vitamin D



Edible packaging



Functional Food



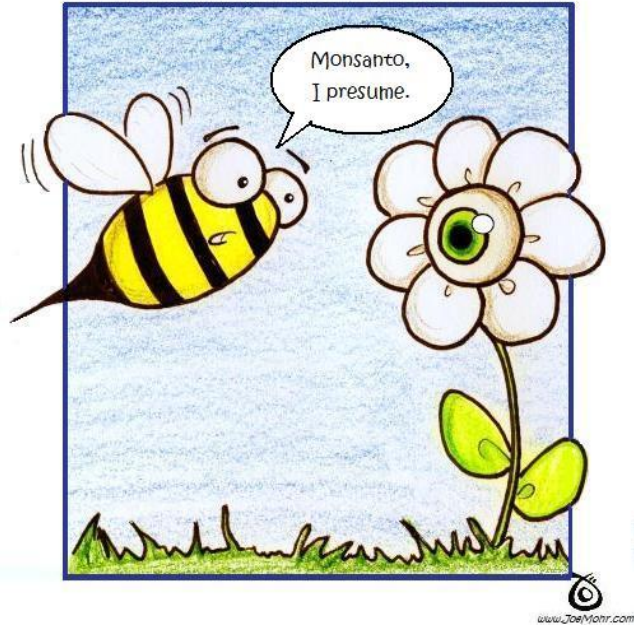
Animal Cloning



Nanotechnology



Genetically Modified Food



GMOs/GM Products

Pharmaceuticals

- recombinant hep B vaccine produced by GM baker's yeast
- Insulin, 1982 - USA
- Antithrombin – 2006, EU



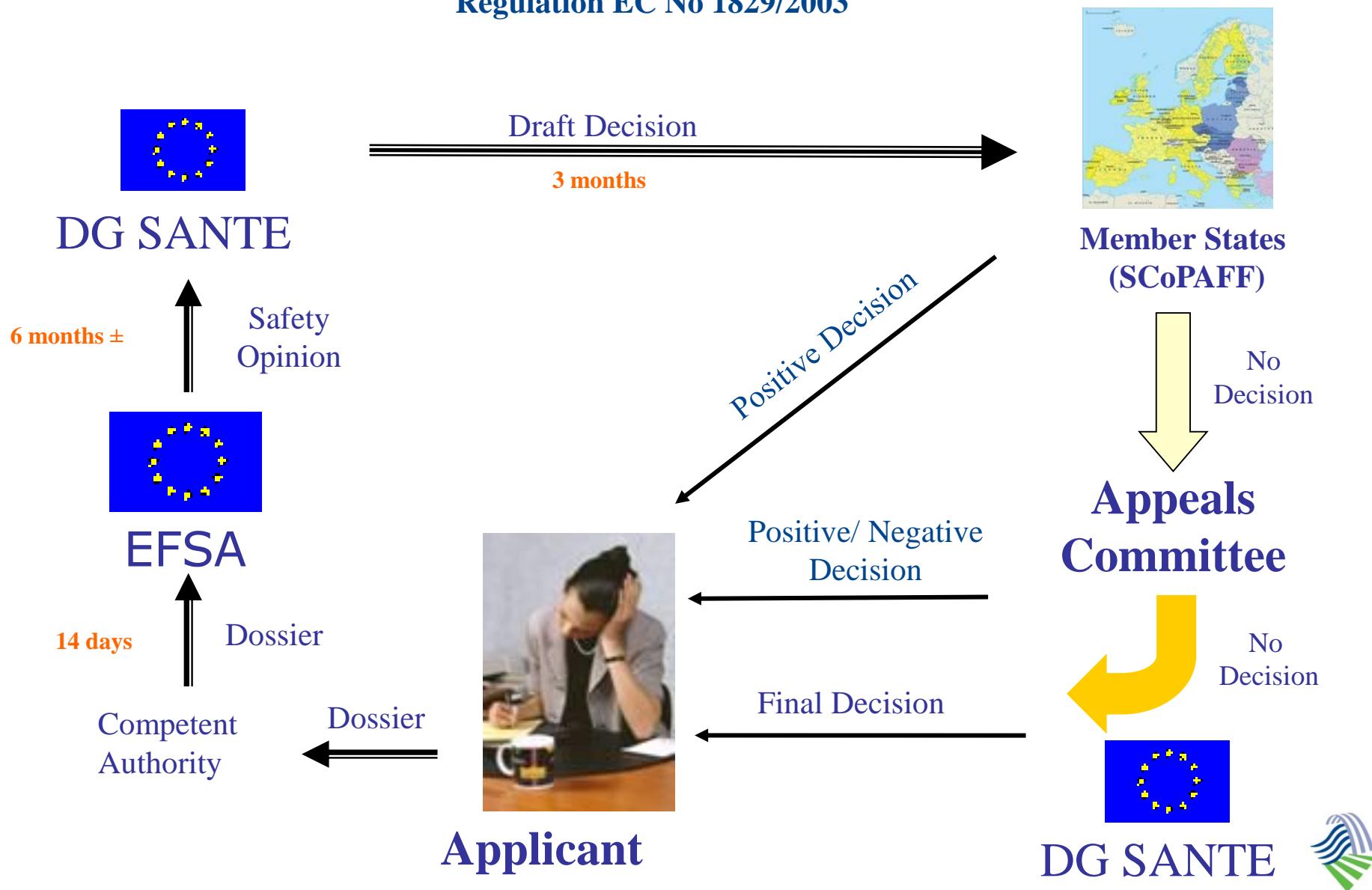
Food

- Chymosin to coagulate cheese (early 1990s)
- Riboflavin
- GM salmon - USA



GM Food/Feed Authorisation

Regulation EC No 1829/2003



Reasons for voting NO or ABSTAINING - 2017

1. No agreed national position
2. Negative public opinion
3. Political reasons
4. Risk of harm to the national agri-food industry
5. Uncertainties in risk assessment
6. Safety concerns for the environment
7. Precautionary principle
8. Lack of comprehensive data on long-term potential impact of GMOs



Issues for Ireland?

- Ireland currently does not grow GM crops
- No real demand for GM food

- Feed use in 2016 – 4.9m T
- Home grown – 2.1m T
- **Imports 2.8m T**

Significant proportion of feed used is:

Soybean, Maize, Barley, Dried distillers grains, Maize gluten feed, Rapeseed

EU - 60% (non-GM)

Non-EU - 2m T (31% GM)

What if the UK embraces GM technology?



GM Animals



Enviropigs

*Express phytase in saliva
and excrete ~ 75% less
Phosphorous*



GM salmon

Grow 3 times faster
AquAdvantage Salmon
approved Nov 2015



Glofish

*Flourescent Zebra fish
developed in Taiwan*



GM goats

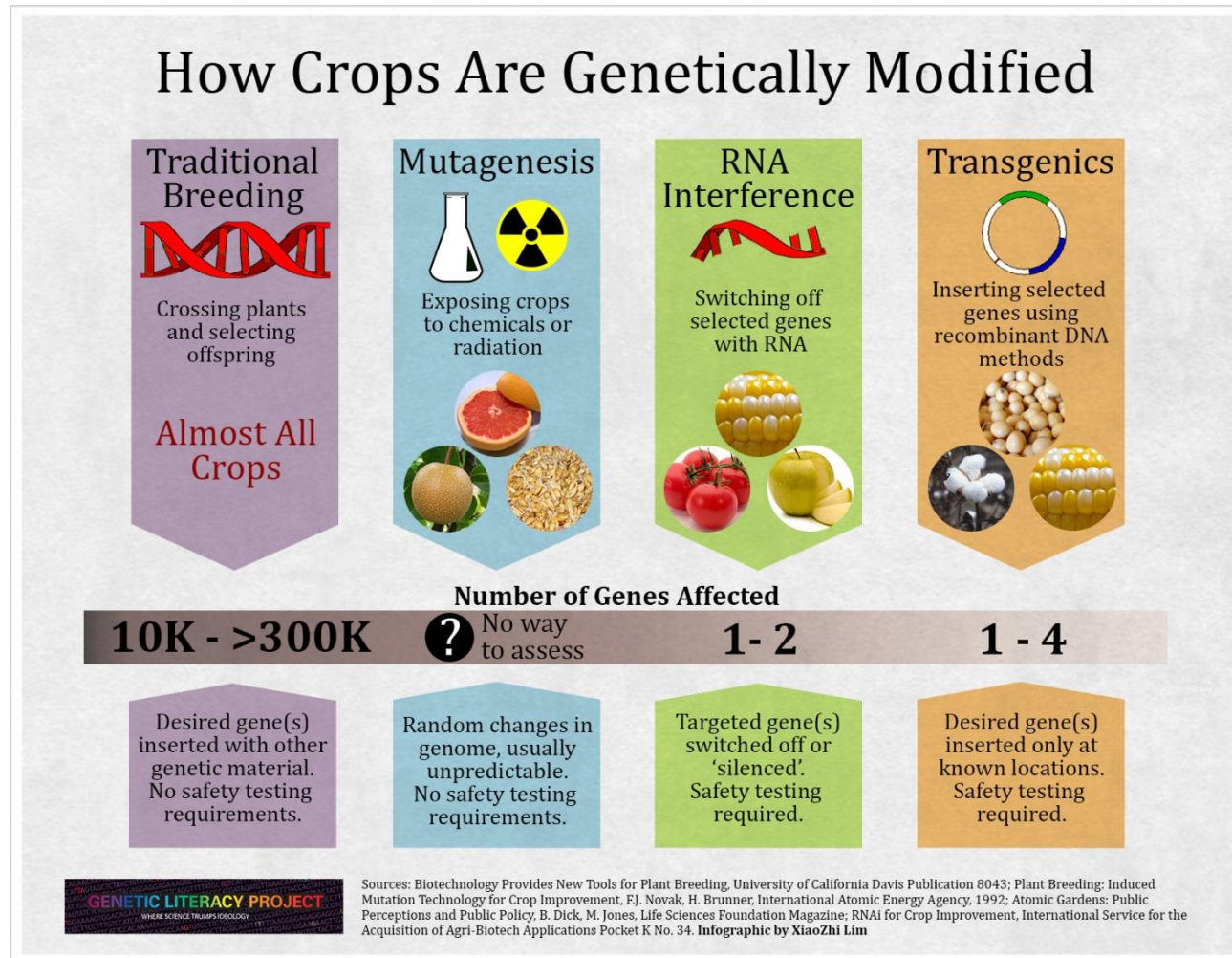
Spider silk in goats milk
Anti-thrombin in goats milk



GM cow

Increased casein in milk
improving cheese production

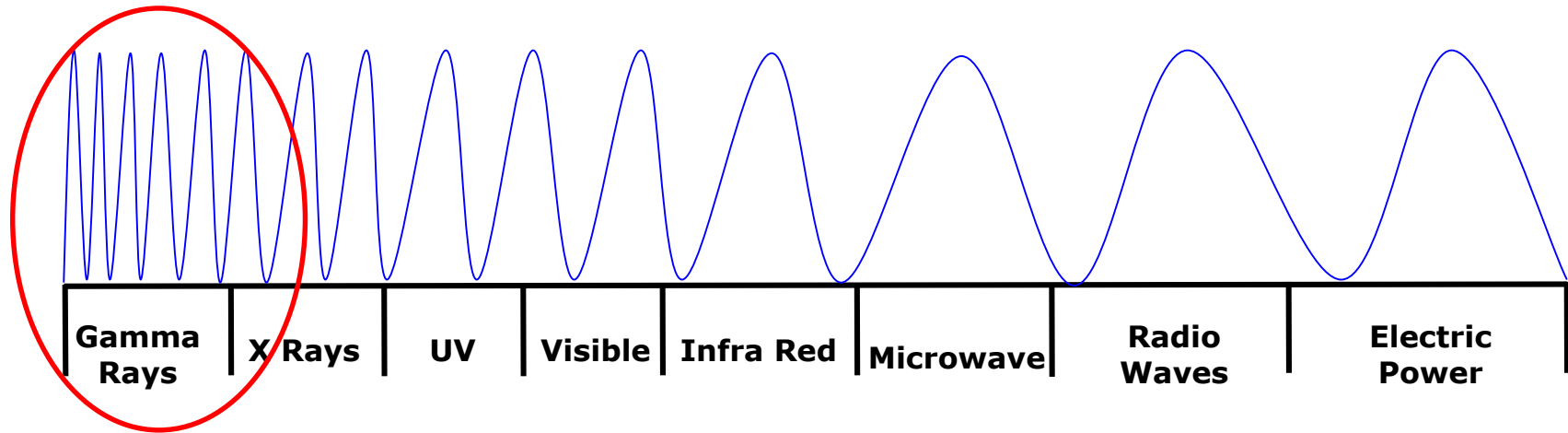
How will Third Country UK deal with new techniques?



Irradiated Food

Short Wavelength/High Frequency

Long Wavelength/Low Frequency

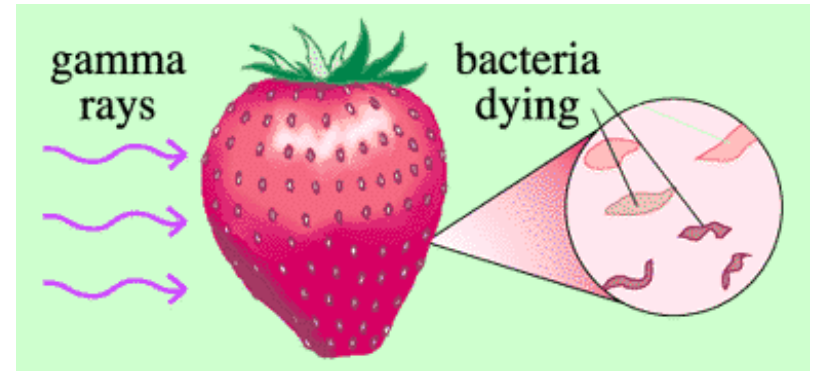


Radura Symbol



Ionising Radiation

1. >60 types of food
2. >40 countries
3. Kills pests and pathogens in food
4. Prevents/delays natural processes (germination/sprouting)



It **supplements** (not replace!) good hygiene



Irradiated Foods in the EU

- **EU wide**
 - Dried aromatic herbs, spices and vegetable seasonings
- **Member States**
 - Potatoes & strawberries (Belgium)
 - Onions & frozen frogs legs (France)
 - Poultry & fish (UK)
 - Pulses & dried vegetables (Netherlands)

*****No food irradiation facility in Ireland*****

IRRADIATED FOOD



 Food Safety
AUTHORITY OF IRELAND





Food Additives

Regulation 1333/2008/EC

- ❑ Food additives play an important role in today's complex food supply



- ❑ Consumer Demand: “Convenience alongside higher standards of safety and wholesomeness at affordable prices”



Definitions

‘**Food Additive**’ means any substance:

- ☐ **Not** normally consumed as a food in itself,
- ☐ Intentionally added for a **technological purpose** in the manufacture, processing, preparations, treatment, packaging, transport or storage of food,
- ☐ That **becomes** directly or indirectly a **component of the food**, including its by-products
- ☐ Does not present a health hazard at the level proposed
- ☐ Must have advantages and benefits to the consumer



Food Additives?

- ❑ Preserve quality
 - Preservatives (kill microorganisms)
 - Antioxidants (retard oxidation)
- ❑ Impart and enhance taste and appearance
 - Acids
 - Colours
- ❑ Provide consistency and texture
 - Emulsifiers
 - Stabilisers
- ❑ Meet specific nutritional requirements
 - Sweeteners



E Numbers



Food Additives – Regulatory Framework

- ❑ **Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008** on food additives
- ❑ **Regulation (EU) No 231/2012** laying down specifications for food additives
- ❑ **Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008** establishing a **common authorisation procedure** for food additives, food enzymes and flavourings.
- ❑ **Regulation (EU) No 257/2010** setting up a programme for the re-evaluation of approved food additives



Food Supplements – Directive 2002/46/EC

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive:

(a) ‘food supplements’ means foodstuffs the purpose of which is to supplement the normal diet and which are concentrated sources of nutrients or other substances with a nutritional or physiological effect, alone or in combination, marketed **in dose form**, namely forms such as capsules, pastilles, tablets, pills and other similar forms, sachets of powder, ampoules of liquids, drop dispensing bottles, and other similar forms of liquids and powders designed to be taken in measured small unit quantities;



Food Supplements

- The labelling, presentation and advertising **must not** attribute to food supplements the property of preventing, treating or curing a human disease, or refer to such properties.
- The labelling, presentation and advertising of food supplements **must not** include any mention stating or implying that a balanced and varied diet cannot provide appropriate quantities of nutrients in general
- FSAI must be notified by the importer
- New FSAI guidance for tolerance levels of vitamins & minerals



Must indicate:

- (a) the names of the categories of nutrients or substances that characterise the product or an indication of the nature of those nutrients or substances;
- (b) the portion of the product recommended for daily consumption;
- (c) a warning not to exceed the stated recommended daily dose;
- (d) a statement to the effect that food supplements should not be used as a substitute for a varied diet;
- (e) a statement to the effect that the products should be stored out of the reach of young children



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We are the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) and our role is to protect and enhance public and animal health by regulating medicines, medical devices and other health products. It is also our role to monitor the safety of cosmetics.

We are a state agency that puts the health of people and animals at the core of everything we do. We use our scientific and clinical expertise to review and monitor health products available in Ireland or exported abroad. Our aim is to make sure that health products we regulate are as safe as possible and do what they are intended to do.

Formerly known as Irish Medicines Board (IMB), we became the HPRA in July 2014. Our new name better reflects our broader remit and regulatory functions which have expanded over a number of years to include:

- Human medicines
- Veterinary medicines
- Clinical trials
- Medical devices
- Controlled drugs
- Blood and blood components
- Tissues and cells
- Cosmetic products
- The protection of animals used for scientific purposes
- Organs intended for transplantation

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Novel Food

- Food or ingredient (or technology) not on the EU market to a significant degree prior to 15th May 1997
- Pre-authorisation assessment required by a Member State
- Substantial equivalence opinion possible
- Regulation (EC) No 258/97 applies until January 1st 2018 when Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 comes into effect



Innovation in the EU?



Insect protein



Vitamin D mushrooms



**Sustainable products -
GMMs**



Plant sterols



***In-vitro* meat**



NEW!

New Novel Food Regulation

REGULATIONS

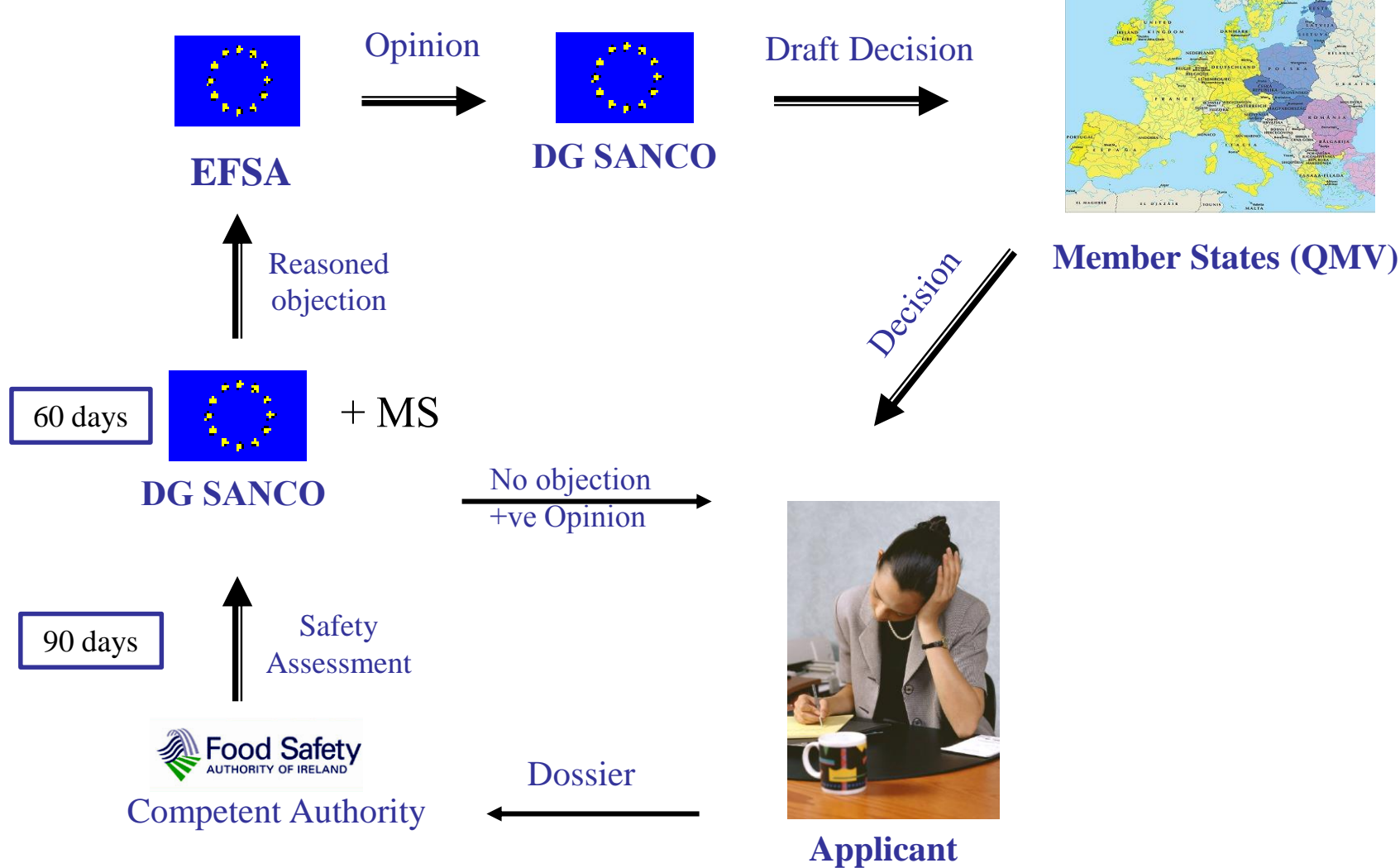
REGULATION (EU) 2015/2283 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 25 November 2015

on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001

- Central authorisation system
- Simpler procedure for traditional foods from 3rd countries
- Data protection provisions also - 5 year protection (after authorisation) on newly developed scientific evidence
- Nanomaterials specified as novel food – require authorisation
- Insects specified as novel food – require authorisation

Current Authorisation Process



New Authorisation Process



FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS

FRAMEWORK REGULATION (1935/2004)

What does it apply to?

Materials and articles:

- Already in contact with food
- Intended to be brought in contact with food
- Expected to come into contact with food or transfer their components to foods (normal and foreseeable use)
- Doesn't only mean packaging.....also utensils, pipes in food machinery, conveyer belts etc.....!



GMP Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006

Also

SPECIFIC MEASURES (Article 5(i))

↓ Materials

- Ceramics
- Regenerated cellulose film
- Plastics
- Recycled plastics
- Active and intelligent Materials

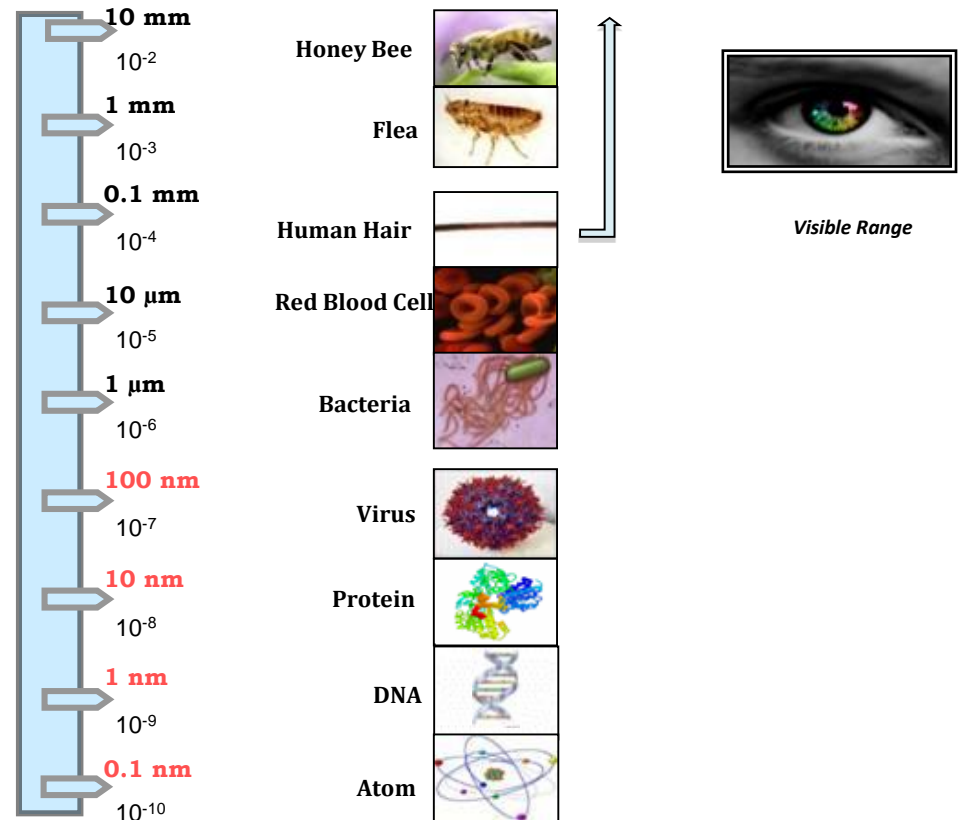
↓ Substances

- Nitrosamines
- BADGE, BFDGE & NOGE



Nanotechnology

- Nanomaterials have dimensions between 1-100 nanometers
- Nanomaterials can have different physical and chemical properties compared to their macro counterparts
- Increased bioavailability?
- Antimicrobial activity?
- Sensory properties?
- Smart packaging?



Nanoparticle: a structure ≤ 100 nm
in at least one dimension



Applications of Nanotechnology



Medical



Recreation



Cosmetics



Industrial



Technology



Fuel

Cloned Animals



(c) Cloned animals

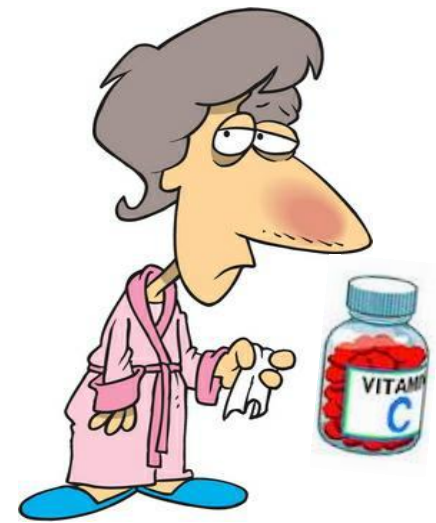
‘means animals produced by means of a method of asexual artificial reproduction with the aim of producing a genetically identical or nearly identical copy of an individual animal’

(d) Descendants of cloned animals

‘means animals produced by means of sexual reproduction, in cases in which at least one of the progenitors is a cloned animal’

What is a nutrition or health claim?

Pictures
Graphics
Symbols
Advertising
Labelling



Includes verbal sales pitch



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