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INTRODUCTION

Following a request from the European Commission, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) revised the Guidance on the risk assessment for birds and mammals, which was subject to a public consultation before being adopted and published:

EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), Aagaard A, Berny P, Chaton PF, AntiaAL, McVey E, Arena M, Fait G, Ippolito A, Linguadoca A, Sharp R, Theobald A and Brock T, 2023. Guidance on the risk assessment for Birds and Mammals. EFSA Journal 2023;21(2):7790, 300 pp.

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IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

In order to ensure that applicants have sufficient time to carry out the necessary (experimental) work as required by the revised guidance and in view of avoiding overlapping regulatory procedures which would create unnecessary duplication of work and lead to delays, the following implementation schedule has been agreed by Member States in the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.

The Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed agreed that the revised Guidance Document should apply to dossiers submitted from **1 October 2025** onwards, in the context of (renewal of) approval of active substances under Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009 and in the context of (renewal of) authorisation of plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009.

Applicants may choose to apply the revised guidance document before 1 October 2025. If so, they shall specify that choice in writing when submitting the application concerned. Such choice shall be irrevocable for the procedure concerned.