FLOWCHART OF AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE

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            │            Member States                 │
            │  "admissibility check" (art. 15 / art. 18)│
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            │                 EFSA                     │
            │         - "Completeness check"           │
            │       - Five months to give opinion      │
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│         Art. 17 –            │  │              Art. 18 –                        │
│     European Commission      │  │          European Commission                  │
│ - 2 months to submit draft   │  │ -2 months to take a decision ("fast track" if │
│    decision to Regulatory    │  │             positive opinion)                 │
│        Committee             │  │      -if negative opinion, like art. 15       │
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            │ Community list of approved or rejected   │
            │              health claims               │
            │ - With conditions of use or reasons for  │
            │               rejection                  │
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