

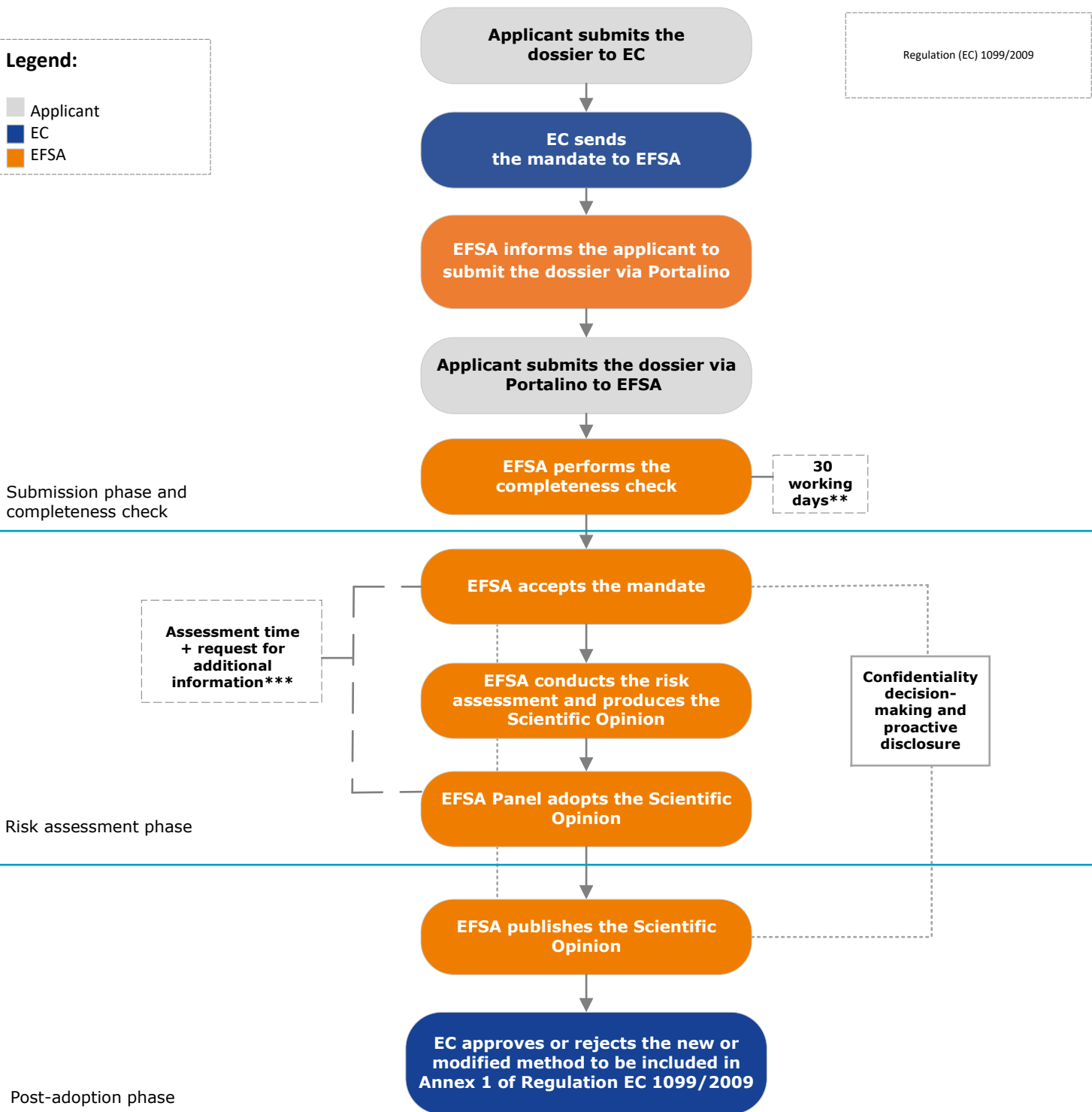


# Application procedure for stunning methods regarding animal protection at the time of killing

Stunning methods are defined as any intentionally induced process which causes loss of consciousness and sensibility without pain including any process resulting in instantaneous death. The stunning methods approved are listed in Annex I of Regulation EC 1099/2009. Article 4(a) of Regulation EC 1099/2009 allows the European Commission (EC) to amend Annex I, taking into account scientific and technical progress on the basis of an opinion of EFSA. To request amendment of Annex I, applicants should submit the dossier to the EC, that may send a mandate to EFSA to request the assessment of the dossier. Applicants submit their dossier to EFSA using the e-submission tool Portalino. The format of the dossier should follow EFSA Guidance 2018 on stunning methods\*. The dossier is assessed against the extent of equivalence with the already approved list of stunning methods and against applicable conditions.

## Legend:

- Applicant
- EC
- EFSA



\* EFSA Guidance on the assessment criteria for applications for new or modified stunning methods regarding animal protection at the time of killing: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5343>

\*\* EFSA aims at providing its 1st feedback on completeness check within 30 working days after receipt of the submission of the dossier via Portalino. In case certain parts of the dossier need modification or completion, EFSA requests the missing information from the applicant.

\*\*\* The assessment time may vary and is indicated by EC in the mandate. In case of a request for additional information, the assessment phase is put on hold until the requested additional information is supplied by the applicant.