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Dear Colleague,

**Draft Commission Regulation setting the rules for applications for authorisations of generic descriptors**

At the 12 June meeting of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health, the Commission presented a new version of a draft Regulation setting the rules for authorisations of generic descriptors (attached).

A large part of the discussion was devoted to considering the length of time that a term would need to have been on the market before it could be considered for authorisation of a generic descriptor (Section B, paragraph 1.5) and the information / evidence that applicants might be required to supply in an application (Section B, paragraph 2). I would be grateful for your comments on these and other elements of the document by Monday 1 July ([nutritionandhealthclaims@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nutritionandhealthclaims@dh.gsi.gov.uk)).

Yours faithfully,

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