

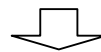
ANNEX A-2

**DIRECTIVE 2001/18: EC ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING CONSENTS
FOR THE DELIBERATE RELEASE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT OF GMOs**

Application
submitted to the competent authority ("CA") of the member State which is required to grant the written consent for the placing on the market of a GMO (so-called "lead CA") as or in a product to be used throughout the Community (Article 13(1), first paragraph)



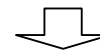
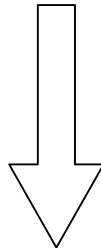
Acknowledgment of receipt by lead CA
and communication of the summary of the notification ("SNIF") to the Commission and the CAs of the other member States (Article 13(1), first paragraph)



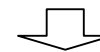
First examination by lead CA
of whether the application contains all the information and data required by Article 13(2) (Article 13(1), second paragraph)



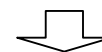
If yes:



If no:
Request by lead CA to applicant for additional information (Article 13(1), second paragraph)



Requested data is provided by the applicant



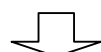
Assessment by lead CA
of compliance of application with the Directive and issuance of an assessment report (Article 14(1))



If positive, the lead CA forwards the assessment report to the Commission (Article 14(2), first paragraph)



Rejection
If negative, the lead CA informs the applicant and, after minimum 15 days, the Commission* (see endnote 1) (Article 14(2), second paragraph)

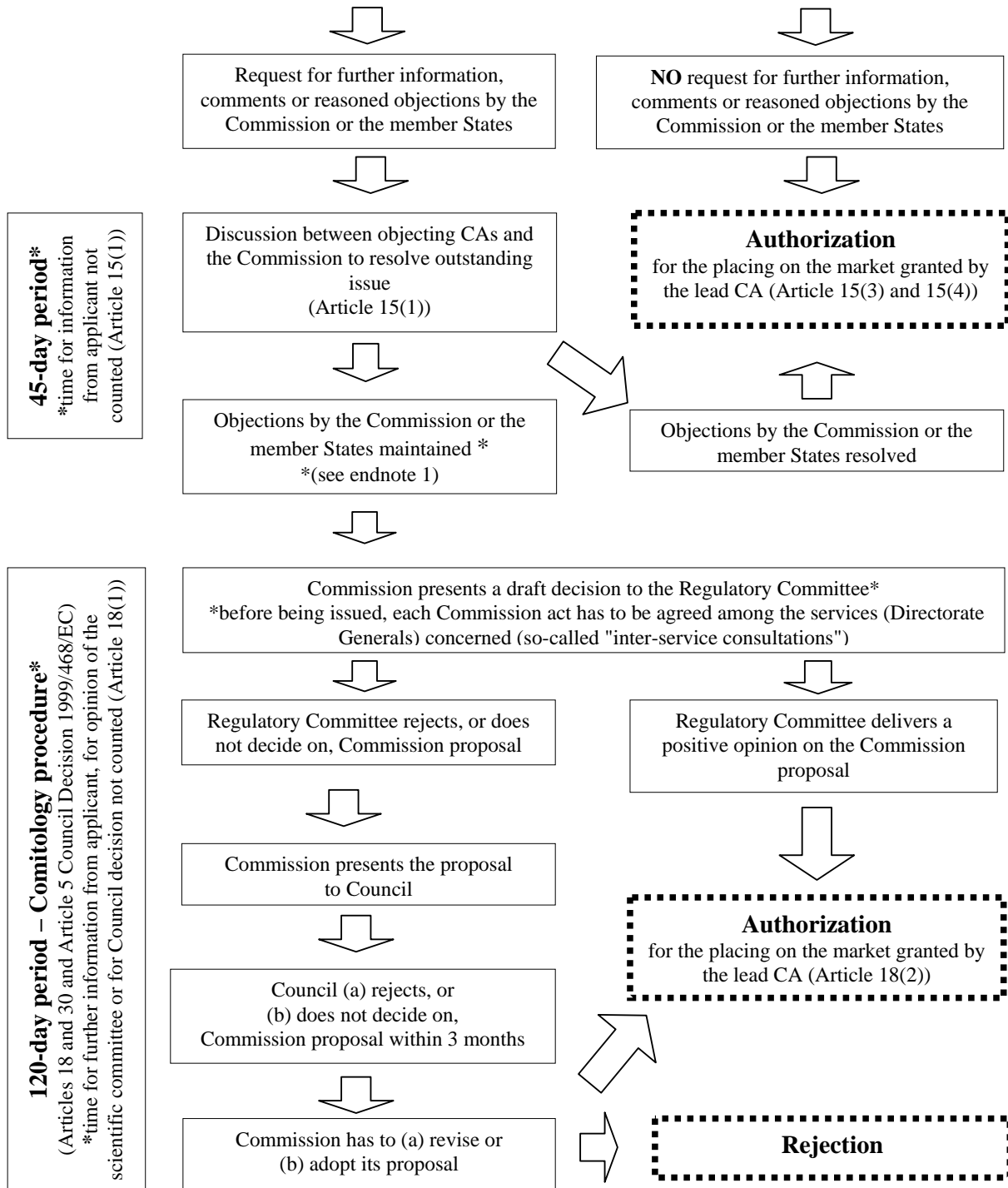


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90 day period – so-called Member State level*
between receipt of application and assessment report
*any periods of time during which further information is awaited from the applicant is not taken into account (Article 14(4))

period
of circulation of report to make reasoned assessment (Article 15(1))

Circulation by the Commission
of the assessment report to the other member States within 30 days from receipt (Article 14(2), first paragraph)



¹ In these cases, the Commission has to consult its scientific committees, on its own initiative or at the request of a member State (Article 28(1)). The Commission may also consult the scientific committees on any matter arising under Directive 2001/18 (Article 28(2))