AMFEP input to TG TOOLS

E-submission Food Chain Platform

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Suggestions for a more user-friendly experience

▽ Bulk Operations

- **Bulk Uploading Publications**: To streamline the data entry process, we suggest implementing a feature that allows users to upload multiple publications at once, eliminate the need to add documents one by one and choose document types individually, which should be the same for all.

- **Bulk Metadata and Confidential Treatment Information Entry**: It would be highly beneficial if users could apply the same metadata and confidential treatment information to similar type document, at once. This would eliminate the need to input identical information repeatedly.

| Test1.pdf | Publication ... | `Non-confidential` `IPR Protected` | 27/03/2024 15:57 | ... |

– Metadata

Publicly Available ❓

○ Yes, IPR owned/acquired   ⦿ Yes, IPR NOT owned   ○ No

IPR Reference *

For publications already available to the public (e.g. studies published in scientific journals which may be accessible upon payment of fees) for which the applicant does not have or cannot obtain IPRs for the purposes of the proactive public disclosure requirements (i.e. reproduction of the study on EFSA's website), the applicant must provide:

(a) a copy of the relevant publication. The copy of the relevant publications will be used for assessment purposes only.

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> *Same choice for a lot of the references*

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Document type ❓

| Publication | ▾ | Clear |

| Test2.pdf | Publication | `Non-confidential` `IPR Protected` | 27/03/2024 15:58 | ... |

– Metadata

Publicly Available ❓

○ Yes, IPR owned/acquired   ⦿ Yes, IPR NOT owned   ○ No

> *Same document type for all of the references*

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Document type ❓

| Publication | ! | Clear |

| Add document |

> *Many references to be uploaded, applicants need to click "add document" one by one*

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▽ Metadata for study reports

- When a document is uploaded and the document type is selected as 'study report', the user is requested to enter a study ID, based on the study notification previously done on Connect.EFSA.

- Currently, when the study ID is entered, the user still needs to enter manually all the information that were originally completed in Connect.EFSA (study type, title ...). The only new information to enter vs. the related entries in Connect.EFSA is the actual study completion date, when in Connect.EFSA it is the planned completion date.

- It would save time and also would reduce the risk of errors if the platform could be linked to Connect.EFSA and if the system could automatically fill-in all the study metadata when a study ID is entered by the user.
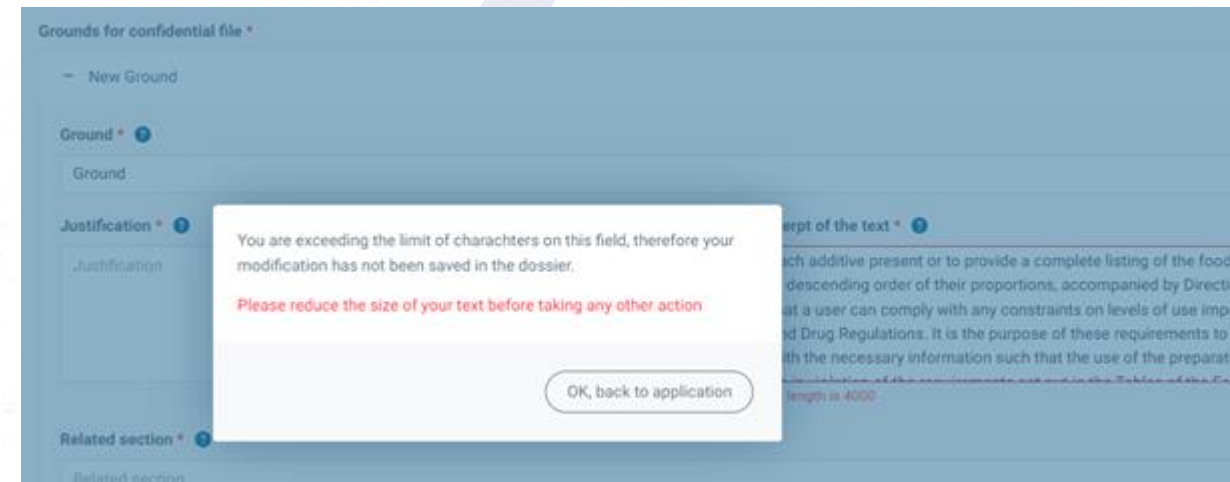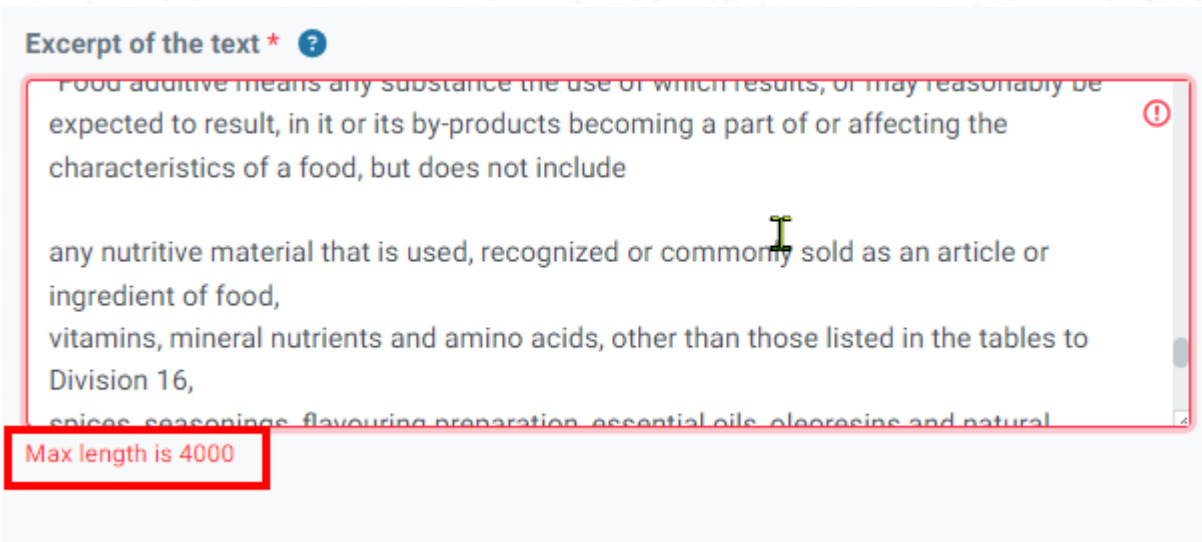
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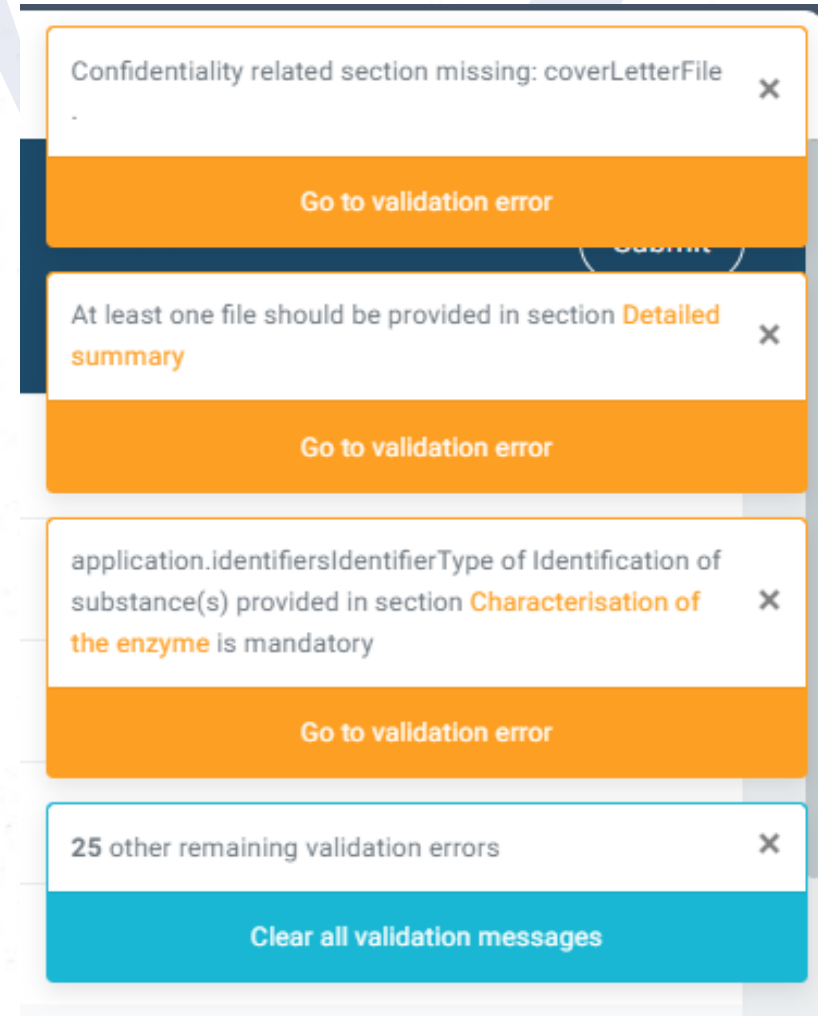▽ Character Limit in Confidential Treatment Information Section

- In the confidential treatment information section, the "Excerpt of the text" field has a character limit, making it challenging to verbatim include all confidential content.

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▽Pre-submission Validation Check

- At present, the system only allows for a check of missing information upon clicking "Submit". Furthermore, when there are validation errors, only the first three are displayed – as showed in the below screenshot. We recommend adding a function that allows users to check for validation errors prior to submission. Displaying all validation errors at once would enhance the efficiency of the validation process and improve the user experience.

Confidentiality related section missing: coverLetterFile
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Go to validation error

At least one file should be provided in section Detailed summary
Go to validation error

application.identifiersIdentifierType of Identification of substance(s) provided in section Characterisation of the enzyme is mandatory
Go to validation error

25 other remaining validation errors
Clear all validation messages

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▽ Referencing Previously Uploaded Documents

- We suggest adding a feature that enables users to reference a document that has been uploaded previously. Currently, a document needs to be uploaded multiple times if it applies to different sections. Allowing users to refer back to an already uploaded document would simplify the process and prevent redundancy.

Example: if a study report is used in both the "Chemical Composition" section and the "Toxicological Data" section, the same document has to be uploaded twice, and the same metadata also needs to be filled in twice. It would be beneficial to be able to refer to other documents in the system.