

COMMUNICATION ON THE TECHNICAL NOTE AND THE SQC TOOL

- **Technical Note on Sequencing** ready for publication – April 2024:
 - Amendment introduced in section **6.4 Data format requirements for the alignment to previously submitted sequences** to deal with the unavailability of an EFSA Question Number at the time of submission, as requested by applicants:

“If an EFSA question number is not available at the time of submission, for the final event sequence of the new application the EFSA question number shall be replaced exactly by “EFSA-Q-0000-00000”, e.g. “EFSA-Q-0000-00000_ABC-A1236-1”
- **Sequencing Quality Check (SQC) tool** available at efsa.gmpseq.sqc:
 - A new version will be soon published to correct two points reported by applicants:
 1. The possibility to report an EFSA question number as “EFSA-Q-0000-00000”, as explained above
 2. A discrepancy between the sequence name convention described in section 6.4 of the Technical Note (i.e. `[EFSA_QUESTION_NR]_[UNIQUE_ID]`, valid format) vs the one considered by the tool (i.e. `[UNIQUE_ID]_[EFSA_QUESTION_NR]`, incorrect format)
 - Until the new version is available, applicants are requested to disregard the errors reported by the tool linked to these two points and follow the indications given in the Technical Note

