



Minutes from the Working Group meeting with Member States

**"Official Controls on animals and goods (including plants) entering the EU:
 Implementing acts under Regulation EU 2017/625"**

Tuesday 26 March 2019, 11H-16H15

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G3, European Commission (COM)

Members: EU Member States (MS): AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, HR, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, SE, SI, SK, UK

	TOPIC	BACKGROUND
1	<p>Follow-up from the previous meeting of the Member States</p> <p>COM announced the next meeting should take place on 29th April.</p> <p>COM pointed out that two sets of documents were sent to the MS for linguistic comments (Art. 58 (d) & 50 (4)) for which the deadline is the 27th March 2019.</p> <p>COM announced two forthcoming events: The OCR conference which will take place on Friday 13th December 2019 and the e-commencer conference which will happen between 24th-26th June 2019 in Berlin. The latter is organized by the Commission with the help of the German authorities. More information will soon be published on the DG SANTE website.</p>	
2	<p>Art. 65.6: Intensified controls.</p> <p>COM presented a revised version of the draft concerning intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products and animal by-products at border control posts. This draft take into account the legal service comments, which provided substantial modifications to the text.</p> <p>Art.7 of the draft was overall well received. MS made some clarification comments and highlighted the fact that some precisions are needed in the text with terms such as “favourable outcome” or “satisfactory level of compliance”. Technical questions related to IMSOC were also raised.</p> <p>COM pointed out that certain responsibilities will be given to the</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

	<p>MS but intervention by the Commission will always be necessary. COM provided some general explanations and explained that Art 3(2) (c) will be reworded.</p>	
3	<p>Art.77 (3) (a): Certificates-update on the details and technicalities.</p> <p>COM presented an updated version of the IA under Art. 77 (3) (a) concerning the model of certificate and rules for issuing certificates for goods which are delivered to vessels leaving the Union and intended for ship supply or consumption by the crew and passengers or to NATO or US military base.</p> <p>No comments or questions from the MS.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
4	<p>Practical presentation on TRACES.</p> <p>COM presented a general overview of TRACES, and demoed the functioning of subsequent CHEDs.</p> <p>COM pointed out that training in MS are ongoing, and that the principle is “train the trainer”: for this reason, competent authorities must be aware of all functionalities of the application, even those ones will be mostly used by economic operators.</p> <p>MS asked some technical questions.</p>	
5	<p>Art. 52: Details of BCP controls.</p> <p>COM presented an updated version of the IA under Art. 52, on detailed rules on operations to be carried out during and after the documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks on animal and goods subject to official controls at border control posts.</p> <p>Discussions focussed on the seals checks, Annex III, post-import checks and visual inspection. MS pointed out the issue of cutting plants, which should be added to the text.</p> <p>COM used Art 52 of the OCR as a reference to make some clarifications and highlight the fact that post-import checks can be requested by the Commission but will only be provided for in case of non-compliance.</p> <p>Written comments are expected from MS by 10th April 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
6	<p>Art. 54.3: Frequencies of BCP controls (animal and plant health)</p>	

	<p>COM presented a revised version of the draft under Art. 54.3 concerning rules for frequency rates of identity and physical checks on consignments of animals, plants, plant products and other objects.</p> <p>MS asked for clarifications and made some technical comments.</p> <p>COM highlighted that Annex IV is still under discussion within the Commission and that all type of risk, for animal health or public health, should be taken into account. COM pointed out that they will relay the information register in IMSOC. In order to bring this draft to the date of application, a separate DA could be the solution.</p> <p>COM invited MS to submit comments by 10th April 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p>	