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Unit G.3 Official controls

Minutes

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Monday, 19 April 2021, **10H30 – 12H15 Brussels time**

Skype for Business

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G3

Working Group on Official Controls

1	10:30– 11:00	Preparation of overall guidance on OCR. Presentation of state of play.	The current draft document on OCR guidance (v0.002) was presented by the Commission. New guidance has been added in this version on Article 35 (based on the Q&A working document on Article 35 previously shared with MS) and on Articles 37-42, in addition to the guidance on Articles 92-101 that has already been shared in the previous meeting. Member States were invited to provide their comments in writing.
2	11:00– 11:30	Article 37: Access to information on official laboratories	The Commission presented the draft entry form for the listing of the Official Laboratories in the EU Survey portal. The possible options for the uploading of the data on laboratories by Member States' competent authorities were also discussed.
3	11:30– 12:00	Article 54: Reflections on adjustments to frequency rates	The proposal by one Member State to reduce frequencies of identity and physical checks at BCPs for certain composite products was supported by representatives from several other Member States. The Commission indicated its intention to prepare an amendment to CIR 2019/2129 for shelf-stable composite products not containing meat, in line with the new risk-based regime for composites.
4	12:00– 12:15	Concluding Remarks by the Commission	<u>The Commission provided an update on several legal acts published in the preceding days, linked to the entry into application of the Animal Health Law on 21 April 2021.</u>