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Crisis management in food, animals and plants Unit G.3 Official controls and eradication of diseases in animals

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"

Wednesday 21 November 2018, 15H30 – 17H30

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

Members: EU Member States (MS): AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, UK, GR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT,

LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, RO, SK, SI, SW

Observers: CH

	TOPIC	BACKGROUND
1	TOPIC Art 52: Details of checks COM presented a draft implementing regulation. MS asked for several clarifications and made some suggestions. In general MS agreed in principle with the establishment of minimum requirements for sampling schemes for physical checks of plants and plant products and suggested that some risk based elements have to be considered to ensure a more proportionate approach. Several remarks revolved around the proposed sampling regime in Annex III. MS highlighted that the sampling requirements will impose additional administrative burden for the competent authorities. MS suggested to amend Annex II and to establish 1% sampling for monitoring purposes of the consignments of goods referred to in Article 47.1(b) which were selected for physical checks.	Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting
	COM provided several clarifications on the points raised by the MS and took note of the MS suggestions	
	Conclusion, end of the meeting	
	COM invited the MS to submit written comments on the matters addressed at the meeting by 4 th December 2018.	