



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 19 December 2018, 09H30 – 12H30

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>Art. 77.3.a: Certificates</p> <p>COM presented a draft implementing regulation.</p> <p>The discussion that followed mainly revolved around the provisions concerning the certificates for consignments destined to NATO bases located in the Union territory and several clarifications were asked by MS on this matter.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications on the points raised by MS. More in particular, it was explained that the text will be amended to be in line with Delegated act developed under empowerment of Article 77.1.c of OCR and guidance notes concerning completion of the certificate will be developed.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
2	<p>Art. 52: Annex III on plant checks</p> <p>COM presented an updated version of Annex III of Art. 52, on detailed rules on operations to be carried out during physical checks on goods referred in Art. 4(6), which was welcomed by most MS.</p> <p>Many MS requested clarification on the suggested post import inspections, in terms of how these will be facilitated and organized. Moreover, reference was also made to the necessity of revising the sampling schemes and the level of detection. Overall, many MS highlighted the need to devote another discussion on this within PAFF committee.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications in all the points raised by MS and reassured MS that the intention is to keep this discussion ongoing. It was also highlighted that the issue of post import checks with the use of CHED and IMSOC will have to be discussed internally with colleagues from the competent Unit.</p> <p>COM welcomed the MS's comments and suggestions on this matter by 18 January 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

3	<p>Art 54.3: Frequencies of plant checks at BCPs</p> <p>COM presented a draft document on the preparation of an implementing regulation which focused in the plant health part.</p> <p>Several MS expressed their satisfaction with this approach and the current draft. Some points were raised for the clarification of certain terms.</p> <p>Most of the comments revolved around Art. 4(5), which provides for new elements in comparison with the current system.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications in all the points raised by MS, took note of all the comments and welcomed the MS's comments and suggestions on this matter by 18 January 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p>	