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SMARTER RULES FOR SAFER FOOD
AND PLANT HEALTH

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Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Bruxelles

Conference “Smarter rules for safer food and plant health”

organised by DG SANTE with the support of the Finnish EU Presidency



The main objective is to present and discuss the new rules in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls along the agri-food chain and Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants, which both become applicable on 14 December 2019.

The new legislation will also make enforcement more efficient by the introduction of a new computerised system (IMSOC), which integrates existing computerised systems, including the RASFF system which this year celebrates 40 years of existence.

Agenda

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08:00-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:30	Opening and introduction	GASP
09:30-10:15	New Official Controls Regulation – an overview (including tertiary legislation and RASFF/IMSOC)	GASP
10:15-10:45	Coffee break	GASP
10:45-11:45	Parallel sessions:	
	1. Panel discussion: Official controls of plants	GASP
	2. 40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – Changes impacted by the Official Controls Regulation (until 11:30)	MANS
11:45-12:45	Parallel sessions:	
	1. Panel discussion: Enforcement of EU legislation	GASP
	2. 40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – theme: transparency (11:30-12:30)	MANS
12:45-14:15	Lunch break	
14:15-15:30	Parallel sessions:	
	1. Panel discussion: Official controls – the role of stakeholders	GASP
	2. 40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – theme: cooperation (14:00-15:00)	MANS
	3. 40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – theme: smarter data = better analysis (15:00-16:00)	
	4. Protecting the EU plant health in a changing world (14:15-15:45)	JENK
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-16:45	Panel discussion: Official controls and global trade	GASP
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks	GASP



Introduction

- 09:00-09:30** *Opening and introduction* GASP
- **Stella Kyriakides**, Commissioner for Health
 - **Dr Jaana Husu-Kallio**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, for the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU
 - **Anja Hazekamp** - Vice Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public and Food Safety of the European Parliament
- 09:30-10:15** *New Official Controls Regulation – an overview (including tertiary legislation and RASFF/IMSOC)* GASP
- **Bernard van Goethem**, Director Crisis management in food, animals and plants - DG SANTE
 - **Andrea Gavinelli**, Head of Unit Official controls and eradication of diseases in animals - DG SANTE

Panel discussions (I)

10:45-11:45 *Parallel sessions*

1. *Panel discussion: Official controls of plants*

GASP

- Josep M. Pagès, ENA – European Nurserystock Association
- Sylvie Mamias, Unionfleurs
- Pauline Cazaban, Ministry of Agriculture, France
- Thorvalds Geuze, Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, The Netherlands
- Rosalinda Scalia, Plant health, DG SANTE
- Hélène Klein, Head of Sector Alerts, traceability and committees, DG SANTE

Until 11:30

2. *40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – Changes impacted by the Official Controls Regulation* - Philippe Loopuyt, Head of Unit Alerts, traceability and committees, DG SANTE

MANS

- Jan Baele – RASFF Head of Sector, RASFF, DG SANTE
- Leena Räsänen (Ruoka) - Director of Food Safety Department of Finland: “RASFF-case story”

11:45-12:45 *Parallel sessions*

1. *Panel discussion: Enforcement of EU legislation*

GASP

- Paola Colombo, Director Health and food audits and analysis, DG SANTE
- Ana Canals, AESAN (Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition), Spain
- Dr. Mary Canty, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland
- Petr Čejka, Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority, Czech Republic
- Lina Koufokotsiou, Team Leader - Organic Farming / Control, Monitoring and Supervision, DG AGRI
- Dr Thomas Jemmi, Deputy Director General, FSVO (Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office), Switzerland

11:30-12:30

2. *40 years of RASFF: “All you need is RASFF?” – Transparency* - Bernard Van Goethem, Director Crisis management in food, animals and plants - DG SANTE

MANS

- Rebeca Fernandez - FoodDrinkEurope, Science and R&D
- Karine Jacquemart - Foodwatch France

Panel discussions (II)

- 14:15-15:30** *Parallel sessions:*
- 1. Panel discussion: Official controls – the role of stakeholders** GASP
 - Mrs Deidre Webb, FEFAC (European Feed Manufacturers' Federation)
 - Paolo Patrino, Deputy Secretary General, CLITRAVI, (Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union)
 - Camille Perrin, BEUC (European Consumer Organisation)
 - Els Bedert, Eurocommerce
 - Wouter Lox, Secretary General, AIJN (European Fruit Juice Association)
 - 14:00-15:00** **2. 40 years of RASFF: "All you need is RASFF?" – Cooperation** – Jan Baele, Head of Sector, RASFF, DG SANTE MANS
 - Presentation by Dr. Ceyhur Gungor, WHO INFOSAN Secretariat: "INFOSAN: learning from the past and looking to the future"
 - Presentation by Mrs Wipada Saengkham, ASEAN on 'Reinforcing cooperation on food safety in ASEAN countries: the ASEAN RASFF network'
 - Presentation by Dr. Georg Schreiber, Deputy Head of Directorate 'Food Safety' BVL, Germany, on e-commerce achievements and prospects
 - 15:00-16:00** **3. 40 years of RASFF: "All you need is RASFF?" – Smarter data = better analysis** – Jan Baele, Head of Sector, RASFF, DG SANTE MANS
 - Presentation by Ana Afonso, Team Leader Emerging Risks, EFSA on EFSA's assistance to RASFF
 - Presentation by Dr. Ákos Józwiak, National Food Chain Safety Office (NÉBIH), Hungary, "Role of Data Science in Food Chain Safety Decision Making: Current Status and Future Trends"
 - 14:15-15:45** **4. Protecting the EU plant health in a changing world** – Dorothée Andre, Head of Unit Plant Health, DG SANTE JENK
 - Giuseppe Stancanelli, EFSA
 - Elisabetta Balzi, JRC Ispra
 - Jesus Barreiro Hurle, JRC Sevilla
 - Ralf Lopian, – IPPC member (International Plant Protection Convention)
 - Philippe Binard, Freshfel
 - Francoise Petter, EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization)
 - Maria Bergsma-Vlami, Director of the European Reference Laboratory on Bacteria
 - Valentin Almansa Lara, Ministry of Agriculture, Spain

Closing session

16:00-16:45 *Panel discussion: Official controls and global trade*

GASP

- Michael Scannell, Director - for Common Market Organisations for agricultural products DG AGRI
- Paul Lopez , President- AVEC (European poultry meat)
- Flavio Coturni, Head of Unit, Agriculture, Fisheries, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Market Access, Biotechnology, DG TRADE
- Dirk Lange, Head of Unit Multilateral international relations, DG SANTE
- Dr. Ritu Nalubola, Director of the European Office of the Food and Drug Administration, USA
- Guus Pastoor, President, AIPCE (European Fish Processors Association)

16:45-17:00 *Closing remarks*

GASP

- Anne Bucher, DG SANTE Director General Health and Food Safety



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