



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 07 November 2018, 10H00 – 12H30

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

Members: EU Member States (MS): AUT, BEL, BGR, CYP, CZE, DEU, DNK, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, HRV, IRL, ITA, LTU, LVA, MLT, NLD, POL, ROU, SVK, SVN, SWE

Observers: CHE, Norway

	TOPIC	BACKGROUND
	<p>COM opened the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the Working Group meeting on 22 October 2018 were approved by the MS.</p>	
1	<p>Art 65.6: Intensified controls</p> <p>COM presented a draft implementing regulation.</p> <p>MS asked for clarifications and made several suggestions. More specifically, the discussion revolved around matters such as the criteria for the Commission's assessment of notified infringements and the timeframe for its actions. Also the need for informing third countries at an early stage, and the need for certain flexibility as regards the total target weight of the successfully checked consignments, were discussed.</p> <p>COM provided several clarifications on the points raised by the MS and took note of the MS suggestions. A revised version of the draft will be sent to MS within shortly, in view of their written comments by the end of November and a further discussion at the meeting on 5th December.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
2	<p>Art 77.3 a: Specific official controls (certificates)</p> <p>COM presented a draft implementing regulation.</p> <p>MS asked for clarifications and made several suggestions as to simplify the procedures and the certificates. MS indicated that some information required in the forms could not be provided and particular stages and for this reason the modalities of signing certain documents would need to be clarified.</p> <p>COM provided several clarifications on the points raised by the MS and took note of the MS suggestions. COM invited the MS to submit written comments on the draft by 21 November 2018.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

	Conclusion, end of the meeting	
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