



**Minutes from the Expert Sub-Group meeting with Member States
"Official Controls on animals and goods (including plants) entering the EU:
Delegated acts under Regulation EU 2017/625"**

Thursday 06 December 2018, 10H00 – 17H00

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, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, RO, SE, SI, SK, UK

Observers: CH, NO

	TOPIC	BACKGROUND
1	<p>Art 48 + Art 77.1(a,b,k): Derogations from BCP controls & Specific border controls</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated regulation.</p> <p>MS raised several points and asked for clarification. Many MS welcomed the inclusion of plants but highlighted that documentary checks of plants and plant products should be performed at other places than BCPs. Another MS indicated that the checking of consignments' packaging should also be considered.</p> <p>Regarding the imported plants for scientific purposes, it was suggested by some MS that the controls should be completed at a point of entry and that the packaging should also be checked. Another remark was made about the checks applying for samples at BCPs.</p> <p>As for the display posters, it was suggested by many MS that specific provisions shall apply so that operators will not impose display costs at the competent authorities. Another important point raised, had to do with the lack of exemptions for plant products as part of passengers' luggage. Many MS welcomed the abolition of the annual report on official controls performed on passengers' luggage and small consignments entering the Union.</p> <p>In terms of plants for scientific purposes, one MS highlighted that many scientific activities might be out of the plant health scope. Several clarifications were asked about Annex III, paragraph 7; many MS asked for a revision of the list of products (by keeping the list as presented in Regulation 206/2009 – Annex IV point 7).</p> <p>COM provided clarifications on all the points raised by MS, took note of all the comments and suggestions, and informed MS of its intention to close the informal discussion on this empowerment.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

2	<p>Art 77(2): Monitoring of consignments</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated regulation.</p> <p>The discussion that followed revolved around some clarifications concerning the types of products to which this delegated regulation applies. Some other comments referred to the effects on plant health and highlighted the absence of provisions for customs supervision.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications on all the points raised by MS and informed MS of its intention to close the informal discussion on this empowerment.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
3	<p>Art 51.1 + Art 77.1(c) + Art 77.1(j): Transit and transshipment, etc.</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated regulation.</p> <p>MS asked for several clarifications. Several MS greeted the exemption in transshipments, which was included and highlighted the importance of considering similar requirements for airports and for plants, plant products. Another suggestion was to include a provision for an obligation for the operators to notify the arrival of consignments to the approved warehouses and BCP of exit. Special reference was made for the specialized warehouses as referred to in Art. 12.4(c), and several MS requested clarifications about the applicable rules.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications on all the points raised by MS, took note of all the comments and suggestions, and informed MS of its intention to close the informal discussion on this empowerment in the next WG meeting.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p>	