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DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants
Unit G.4 Official controls

Minutes
Expert Group
"Official Controls Regulation (EU 2017/625)"

Tuesday 5 December 2023, **12H00 – 12H30**
Skype call

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G4

EXPERT GROUP

1	12:00-12:15	Updates on ongoing work on delegated acts (CHED-N, quantity management)	As regards CHED-N, the Commission updated the Member States on the exchanges with the Legal Service of the Commission in the framework of the interservice consultation for this initiative. It confirmed that work on an implementing act amending the IMSOC Regulation is likely to be discontinued, considering the lack of legal basis to establish a new CHED format for commodities to which Article 47 OCR does not apply. The initiative is likely to focus on a Delegated Act under Article 45(4) OCR to establish the cases where and the conditions under which competent authorities may request operators to notify the arrival of certain goods entering the Union. The Commission explained that the draft Delegated Act presented to the Member States in previous OCR group meetings has been revised on several points: revised recitals to provide additional rationale for requesting the notification of arrival for the commodities in the scope of the draft regulation, based on input received from several Member States; the establishment of require-
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			<p>ments on the standardised information to be provided by the operator responsible for the consignment in the notification of arrival in TRACES and a possible legal basis for providing the recording of the results of official controls in the notification of arrival in TRACES.</p> <p>The Commission also provided an update on the ongoing work on a draft Delegated Act and Implementing Act under the Single Window Environment for Customs Regulation, including on the requirements that are envisaged in order to ensure the CERTEX interconnection of the notification of arrival to be established under Article 45(4) OCR.</p> <p>As regards quantity management, the Commission informed that the interservice consultation for the draft Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1602 is closed and that the act is expected to be adopted by the Commission in January 2024.</p>
2	12:15 –12:30	<p>Article 92(4): Exchange of views on a draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and the Council by establishing the European Union reference laboratory for food improvement agents (Unit E2)</p>	<p>The Commission presented the draft and explained the changes following the internal consultation procedure within the Commission. One Member State did not agree with the establishment of the EURL for food improvement agents because of budgetary constraints.</p> <p>The Chair concluded that there was consensus on the draft with a large majority of the members of this Expert group. The draft will therefore be sent for adoption by the Commission and for transmission to the European Parliament and the Council for scrutiny before its publication.</p>