



Minutes from the Experts Group meeting with Member States

**"Official Controls on animals and goods (including plants) entering the EU:
Delegated acts under Regulation EU 2017/625"**

Tuesday 26 March 2019, 9H35 – 11H

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 53.1.a + Art 53.1.e: (Delegated act) Identity and physical checks at control points other than border control posts (BCPs) and documentary checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects performed at distance from BCPs</p> <p>COM presented a revised draft, which in addition to the drafting of the recitals, set out the conditions for the performance of identity and physical checks at control points and the operations during and after identity and physical checks at control points into two articles (3&4).</p> <p>Some MS pointed out that the terms “closely located” in Article 4 (4) (a) lacked precisions and that it should be reworded. One MS was concerned about the date of application as the text makes a reference to another draft only applicable in 2022.</p> <p>Some MS supported the idea that uncovered consignments coming from third countries are not more risky than other consignments with only a 1% frequency rate and that a derogation should be considered.</p> <p>COM indicates its readiness to further consider the derogation for wood of conifers, in view of the economic importance of ongoing trade and the possibilities to mitigate risks .</p> <p>MS made some practical and technical comments in order to clarify the draft.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting.</p>
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p>	