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Crisis management in food, animals and plants
Unit G.3 Official controls and eradication of diseases in animals

**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"**

Tuesday 06 November 2018, 10H00 – 17H30

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

Members: EU Member States (MS): AUT, BEL, BGR, CZE, DEU, DNK, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GRC, 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 Expert Sub-Group meeting on 22 October 2018 were approved by the MS.</p>	
1	<p>Art 51.1 + Art 77.1.c. + Art 77.1.j: Transit and transshipment; including ship supplying</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated act.</p> <p>The discussion that followed mostly revolved around details related to the distinction between particular documents to be used at BCPs and customs warehouses, with regard to different means of transport and different destinations (including military bases such as those of NATO).</p> <p>In addition, the MS asked for clarification regarding temporary storage of goods in warehouses during transshipment and transit. The issue was raised regarding the pre-notification of consignments intended for transshipment and destined to third countries. MS indicated that the current draft requires clarification and its assumptions could create an extra burden for authorities.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications to the points raised by the MS and confirmed that the concerns will be taken into consideration in the revision of the draft act.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
2	<p>Art 48: Derogations from BCP controls</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated act.</p> <p>The discussion that followed mainly revolved around the provisions concerning exemptions for consignments containing samples, animals and animal vs non-animal products, concerning live animals and plants for scientific purposes. Some MS asked for no exemption on live animals intended for scientific purposes (even exemption restricted to invertebrates), other MS asked for exemption as proposed in the working draft, some other asked for more exemptions. In case of exemption on certain animals, some MS asked for an authorisation by advance by the competent authority, as well as for trade samples and items for exhibitions. COM will examine the possibility to add provisions on exemption for plants for scientific purposes in this DA.</p> <p>COM presented new provisions for passengers' personal luggage and pets as well as new posters to be displayed at entry and exit points. MS asked for changes concerning Iceland and Greenland.</p> <p>COM provided some clarification to the MS questions raised and noted the MS</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

	comments and suggestions, expecting further MS comments to be sent in writing.	
3	<p>Art 77.2: Monitoring of consignments</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated act.</p> <p>MS comments were focused on the scope of the draft, responsibilities of operator and competent authorities, time limits and need to harmonize the procedures.</p> <p>COM responded and provided clarifications on the points raised, requesting also to specify particular concerns in writing.</p>	Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p> <p>COM invited the MS to submit written comments on the matters addressed at the meeting by 16 November 2018.</p>	