



Establishments under AHL Registration vs. approval

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Scope of this presentation

- To explain differences **under the AHL** between:
 - registration (of establishments) and
 - approval of establishments
- This does not affect obligation for registration and/or approval under other set of legislation (e.g. food and feed hygiene, animal welfare, etc...)



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Establishments under AHL: what is an establishment ?

- 'establishment' means any premises, structure, or, in the case of open-air farming, any environment or place, where animals or germinal products are kept, on a temporary or permanent basis, except for:
 - (a) households where pet animals are kept;
 - (b) veterinary practices or clinics



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Establishments under AHL: registration and/or approval

- Establishments under AHL
 - *Registered*
 - *Approved*
- Applies for those keeping
 - *Animals (terrestrial, aquatic,...)*
 - *Germinal products*
- Avoiding duplication
 - *Where an establishment or transporter need to be registered or approved under a different legislation, this should be whenever possible combined*



Registration obligation

- Applies to
 - All establishments keeping animals and germinal products, unless
 - approval is required, or
 - derogation is possible
 - Transporters(some)
 - Operators conducting assembly operations without an establishment

Approval obligation

- Applies to
 - **Some establishments** keeping animals and germinal products, with **higher animal health risk** (e.g. germinal products establishments for movements of germinal products between MSs, assembly centres, poultry establishments moving animals between MSs, certain aquaculture establishments)
 - **establishments under approval obligation** are defined either in AHL or in delegated acts
- For all the rest:
 - Registration obligation applies
- Approved establishment is automatically considered also as registered
 - No double obligation 



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Procedure: registration

Simple procedure:

- Operator:
 - inform CA of (intended) activity
 - provide with some basic information of that activity
- CA:
 - not visit of the establishment for the purpose of registration
 - include it in the list of (registered and approved) establishments, transporters

Operators will need to comply with

- general animal health responsibilities under AHL incl. knowledge on AH
- disease notification and surveillance
- record keeping
- updates of this activity (cessation, new animal species, different quantity, etc..)

NO verification of requirements as a part of registration procedure



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Procedure: approval

Two step procedure:

- **Operator:**

- Applies to the CA for approval
- Provides complete information on the establishment and keeps CA informed on the updates (cessation, new animal species, different quantity)
- Ensures that the establishment fulfils the relevant requirements, incl. record keeping

- **CA:**

- Assess the application
- Visit establishment to **verify the fulfilment of requirements**
- If requirements are fulfilled →
- grant approval to the establishment
- set the scope of approval
- include in the list of registered and approved establishments



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Requirements for granting approval of establishments

- **Requirements** for granting approval concerning, as appropriate:
 - Quarantine, isolation and/or special biosecurity measures
 - Surveillance of diseases
 - Facilities and equipment
 - Personnel on the establishment
 - CA's supervision

Thank you for your attention!