



# Guidance Note on Regulation (EU) 2017/625

## Official controls in the agri-food chain

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# OCR Commission Guidance Note

compile clarifications and practical advice into **single, comprehensive guidance document**



- covering basic act, delegated and implementing acts as relevant
- merge existing guidance documents where appropriate

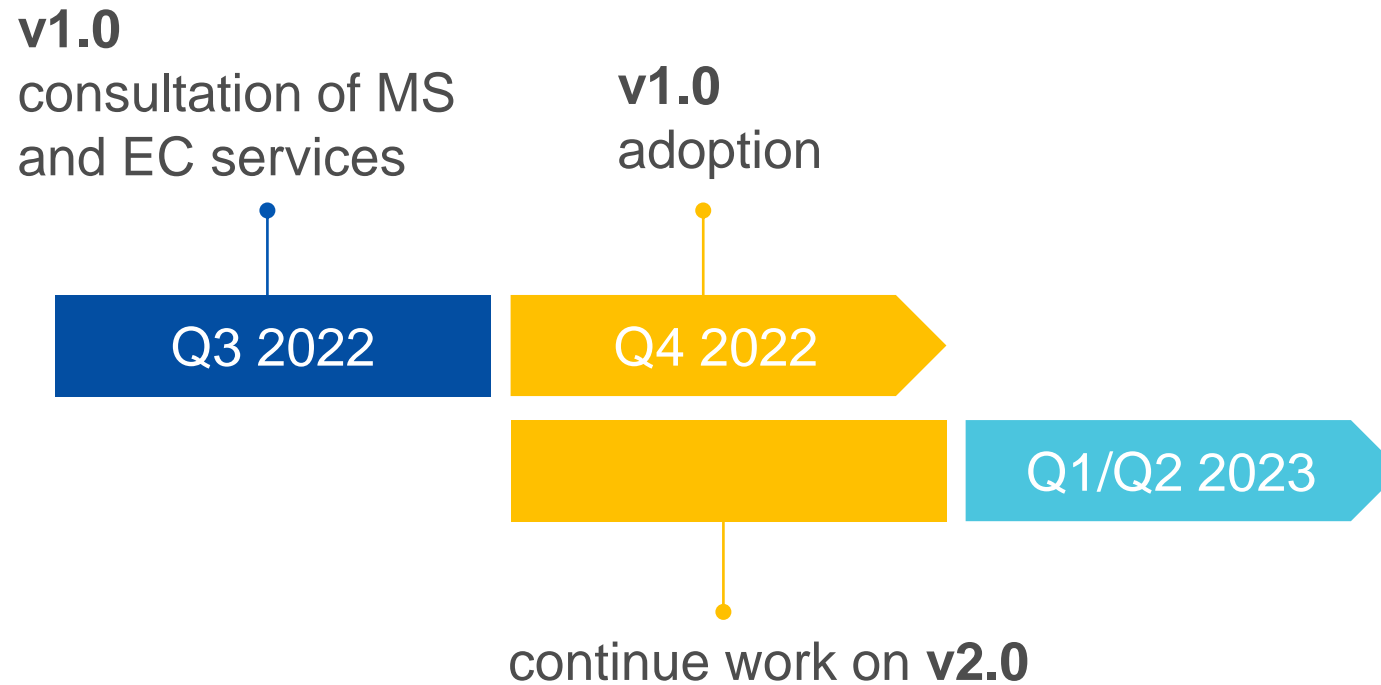
**target group:**  
Member States and stakeholders

# draft OCR guidance – content



<b>Article 2</b>	Official controls and other official activities
<b>Articles 28-33</b>	Delegation of tasks
<b>Article 34</b>	Methods used for sampling, analysis, tests and diagnosis
<b>Article 35</b>	Second expert opinion
<b>Articles 37-42</b>	Official laboratories
<b>Articles 78-85</b>	Financing of controls
<b>Articles 92-101</b>	Reference laboratories

# OCR guidance - roadmap



# Definitions [Art.3]

Official certificate &  
Official Attestation

- Characteristics. Reliability, accuracy
- Roles of authorities and staff
- Examples OCR area
- Certifying officer

Audit vs Inspection

# Definitions [Art.3]

Official veterinarian/

Official auxiliary

- Staff or **otherwise**
- Appointment [Art. 5.2]
- Art. 17 & 18 – specific definitions and rules
- Delegated Reg. (EU) 2019/624/  
Implementing Reg.(EU) 2019/627



WHO, WHAT: OV, OA under supervision  
or responsibility, other designated staff

# Definitions [Art.3]



## Consignment

- Means of transport
- Batches
- Official certificates
- Plant health

## BCPs

Area

# Delegation of tasks – Art. 28-33

## Accreditation

### Art. 29 b (iv)

- Accreditation as a pre-requisite
- ISO/IEC 17020 vs ISO/IEC 17065
- Outsourcing
- Organic farming, PDO/PGI

### Art. 29 c & 30 c

Arrangements for efficient and effective coordination

### Art. 33

Responsibilities for audits and inspections



# e-commerce controls

- registration / listing of operators (Art. 10 OCR)
- mystery shopping (Art. 36)
- second expert opinion (Art. 35)
- cross-border cooperation of CAs (Art. 102-108)

# Other topics

**Article 10:** listing of operators

**Article 41:** derogations from mandatory laboratory accreditation

*import controls:*

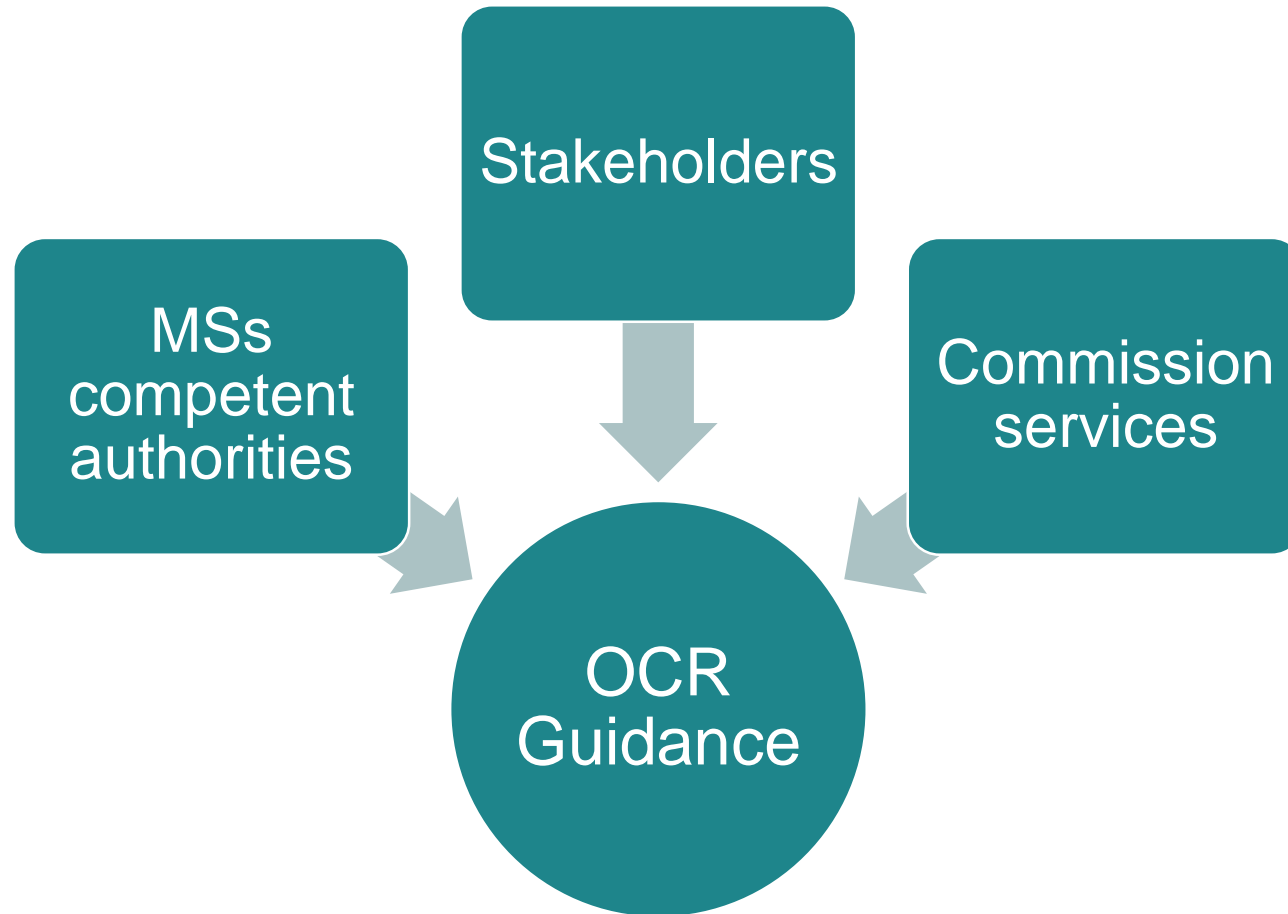
**Article 44:** risk-based border controls

**Art. 56 & 57:** CN codes in CHED and customs declarations

**Article 65:** intensified official controls (→ separate guidance document)

**Article 140:** reporting on infringements

# Suggestions for topics



# Thank you

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