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iRASFF welcomes Animal Welfare Network

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Legal basis

❖ Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls (the OCR regulation)

❖ Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 on the information management system for official controls and its system components (the IMSOC Regulation)

Legal basis

❖ OCR and IMSOC Regulations

❖ Transport Liaison Bodies to phase out e-mail exchanges
– By 1 February 2025 →

Applicable for **transport**, **farm** and **welfare at time of killing**.

❖ Use dedicated tools within IMSOC components

- Enhanced traceability of communication
- Improved data collection
- Mandatory response requirements for the receiving Member States

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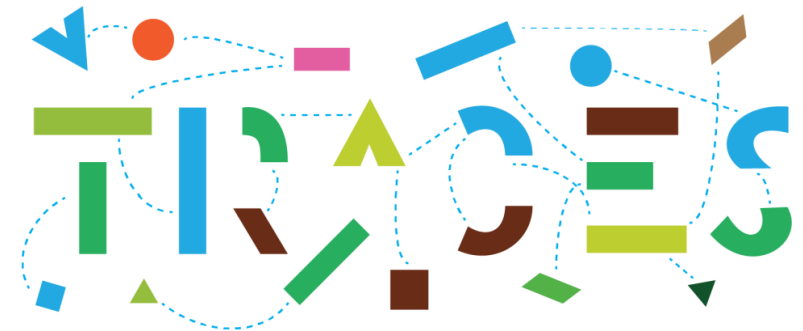
iRASFF system

- **Each network focuses on its own notifications** and can only make workflow actions on its own network. A user can however be member of multiple networks.

- A notification shared between members is transparent to other networks and **available for cooperation in these other networks.**

  o Except for **fraud** and **pet** notifications – these are accessible **only** to the network members.

- Master **data catalogues** are **specific** for each network (not the notification template).

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The Alert and Cooperation Network (ACN)

- The Alert and Cooperation Network (ACN) facilitates the exchange of **administrative information** and the **cooperation between Member States** on official controls in the agri-food chain.

- The ACN is supported by iRASFF (IT platform) where it can use different types of network depending on the matter. *See: Decision Tree*

- Clearly identified single contact points for the ACN.

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Animal Welfare Network - Missing Countries

- Users for the Network in SAAS – Missing countries

iRASFF - Animal Welfare scope

- **Mandatory:**

  - Non-compliance with welfare rules

  - Of relevance in more than 1 Member State

    - Farm directives

    - Transport regulation

    - Protection of animals at time of killing regulation

- **Optional:**

  - Information sharing

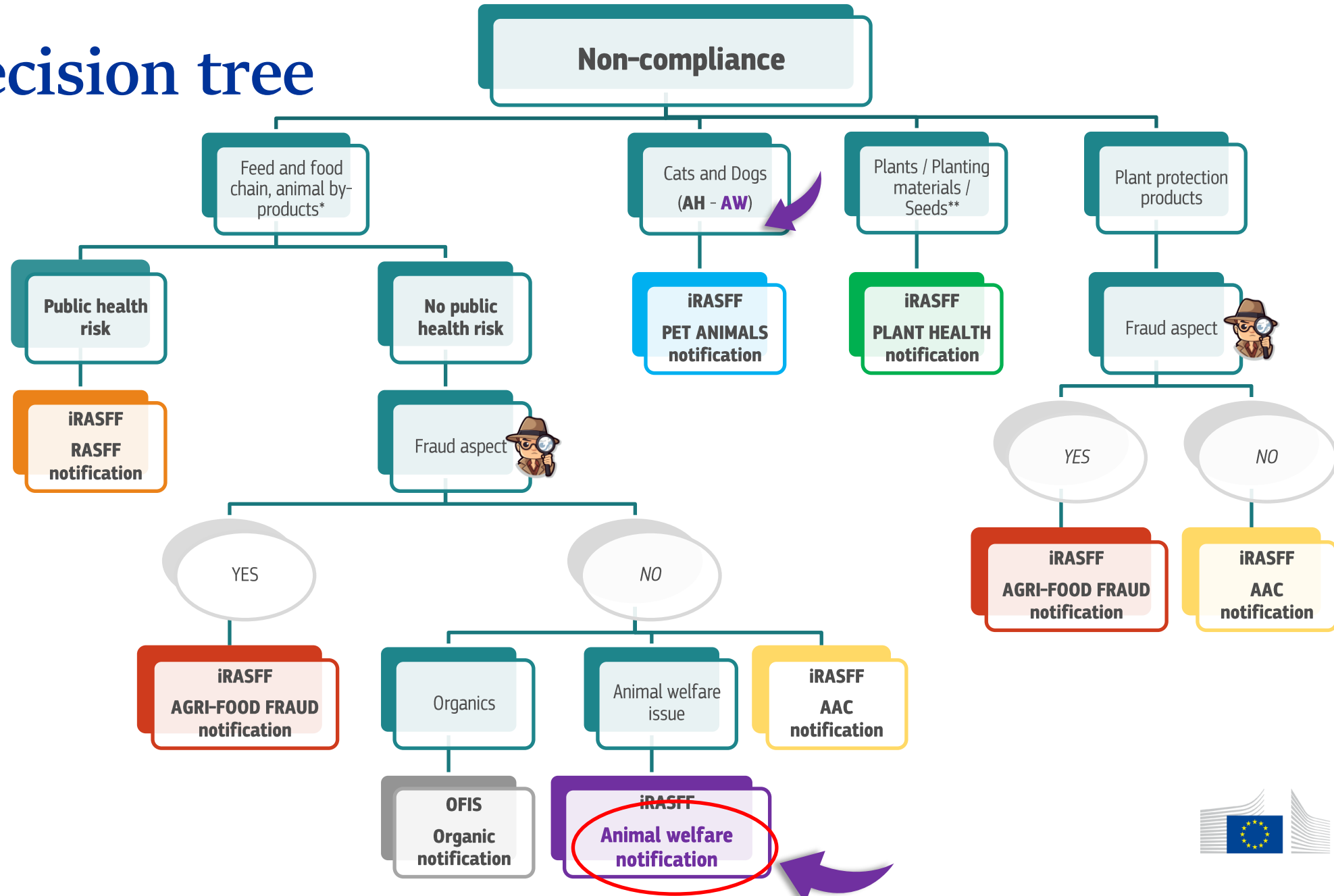 - Request of interpretation of legislative requirements
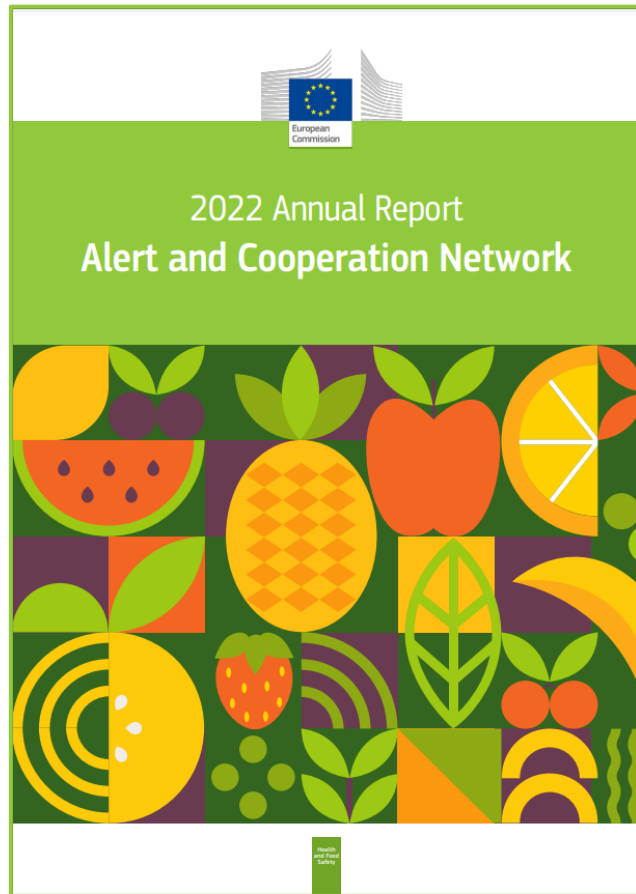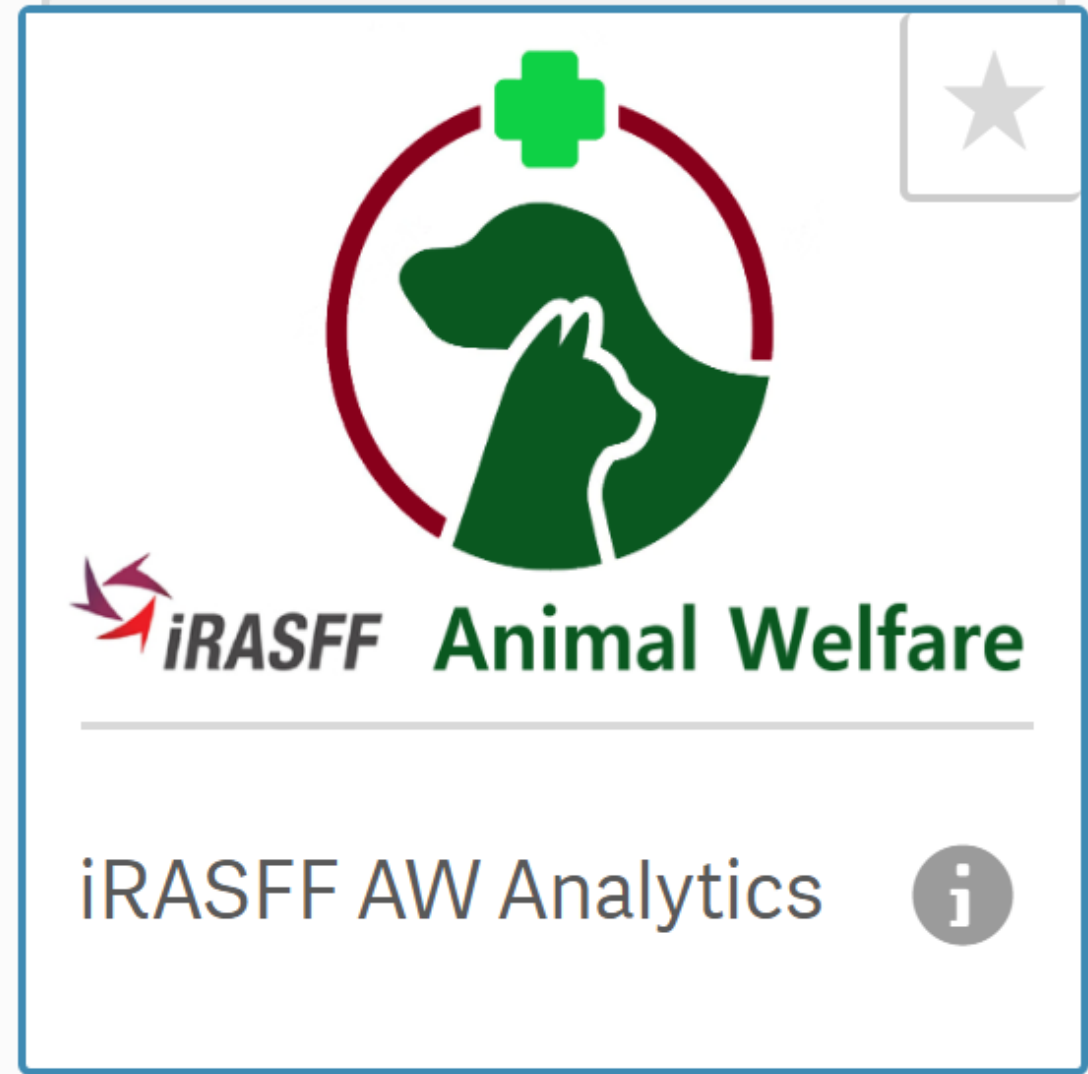
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Farm

Transport

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Decision tree

Non-compliance

- **Feed and food chain, animal by-products***
  - **Public health risk**
    - **iRASFF** — **RASFF notification**
  - **No public health risk**
    - **Fraud aspect**
      - YES
        - **iRASFF** — **AGRI-FOOD FRAUD notification**
      - NO
        - Organics
          - **OFIS** — **Organic notification**
        - Animal welfare issue
          - **iRASFF** — **Animal welfare notification**
        - **iRASFF** — **AAC notification**
- **Cats and Dogs (AH – AW)**
  - **iRASFF** — **PET ANIMALS notification**
- **Plants / Planting materials / Seeds****
  - **iRASFF** — **PLANT HEALTH notification**
- **Plant protection products**
  - **Fraud aspect**
    - YES
      - **iRASFF** — **AGRI-FOOD FRAUD notification**
    - NO
      - **iRASFF** — **AAC notification**

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iRASFF data

Animal Welfare notifications

Farm

Transport

Slaughter

Example:

General Information Panel → Notification Type | Notification Basis → **Transport** | Official Control during the journey

Risk → Risk Decision → **Transport/Slaughter/Farm**: Serious to animal welfare

AAC → Non-Compliance → **Transport:** Fitness for transport

Products → Impacted Species | Involved Actors | Purpose → Sheep and Goat | Official Veterinarian | Inform other MS

Attached Documents → Relevant Documents → **Transport:** Animal Journey Log

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Milestones

- ⁎ Network of **Contact Points** (designated by MS)

- 📅 **October** – deployment date for the new networks

- 🖥 **Training** organised (18 December 2024) + **Guidelines**

- 📧 **Functional Mailbox:** SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE@ec.europa.eu

Next steps

- 🖥 **Feedback!** Feedback! Feedback! **--> Improved Guidelines**

- 🖥 **Bridges** between iRASFF and TRACES (Welfare controls)

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Next steps

General information

Notification number	362195
Reference	
Current Status	New
Notification type *	transport
Notification basis *	official control
Notification classification *	non-compliance notification
Notifying chain	European Commission
Notifying organization	European Commission
Date of notification *	13/12/2024
Subject *	
INFOSAN (to be) informed	☐
Reason INFOSAN	
eCommerce related	☐
Mutual recognition	☐

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AAC

Non compliance	Transport: Fitness for transport - Animals not able to move independently
Non compliance description	

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iRASFF – significance and benefits

Legal obligation in cases of cross-border non-compliance!

Enhanced Animal Protection by facilitating rapid communication between countries, which helps protect animals from hazards and mistreatment more efficiently.

One secure system for exchanges providing unified way to communicate.

Data collected can support policy making, helping to shape more effective regulations and standards.

Network to share experience and best practices.

Promotion of **international collaboration** by connecting various national authorities, enhancing **transparency** in the animal trade and global responses to welfare challenges.

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Thank you for your attention

Q&A

https://food.ec.europa.eu/food-safety/aac/awn_en

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