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

Minutes

"Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625"

Wednesday, 22nd September 2021, **09H30 – 12H15 Brussels time**

Skype for Business

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G3

Working Group on Official Controls

1	09:30– 10:45	Article 47: questions of interpretation as regards official controls on organics	<p>The Commission explained the state of play concerning the package of rules on import controls on organic products applicable as of 1st January 2022.</p> <p>The Commission presented a revised draft of a Questions&Answers document accompanying the package, subject to changes which aims to address questions received from the Member States concerning the interpretation and the implementation of the said package.</p> <p>The Commission invited Member States to provide further input, both in terms of questions to be addressed in the document and in terms of comments to the replies drafted so far.</p> <p><u>Follow-up:</u> As regards the Q&A document, Member States were invited to send comments until mid-October 2021.</p>
2	10:45- 11:15	Guidance on several provisions of the OCR	<p>The Commission presented an updated version of the draft OCR Guidance, with amendments based on Member States' feedback and internal discussions. Some Member States raised specific questions, particularly regarding the interpretation of Articles 35 and 36 of the OCR.</p> <p><u>Follow-up:</u> Member States are invited to provide their feedback on the draft by mid-October.</p>
3	11:15- 11:45	Article 54: adjustments to frequency rates for composite products	<p>The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/2129. The Commission clarified that data on the three categories of composite products referred to in Article 12 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 would be collected via TRACES.</p> <p><u>Follow-up:</u> The draft Implementing Regulation will be presented for an opinion to the Standing Committee on Animals, Plants, Food and Feed in October.</p>
4	11:45- 12:15	Information on state of play of various files	<p>The Commission informed about ongoing preparations regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forthcoming amendments to the list of commodities with their CN codes subject to BCP checks; amendments to the list of products exempted from checks at BCPs • certificates for entry into the EU (correction and update of certificates in Implementing Regulations (EU) 2019/2235 and 2019/2236 and transitional measures) • a possible implementing act based on Article 70 of the OCR to harmonise the interpretation of Articles 66 and 67 of the OCR.