



Official controls regarding the entire food chain

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Extended scope

OCR Art 2(1)

OFFICIAL CONTROLS REGARDING THE ENTIRE FOOD CHAIN (Reg. 2017/625)

Food and
food safety

Feed and
feed safety

Animal
health

Animal
welfare



New in the OCR's scope compared to the scope of R882/2004

NEW

Animal by-
products

NEW

Plant
health

NEW

Plant
protection
products

NEW

Organic
production

NEW

GMOs

NEW

Quality
labels
(PDO,
PGI, TSG)



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Key principles of the new regulation

**broader
scope**

**risk-based
approach**

transparency

**alignment
(simplification)**

efficiency



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Structure of Regulation 2017/625 (OCR)

General Principles **Articles 1 – 15**

Subject matter, scope & definitions, Competent Authorities general requirements

Sector Specific Requirements **Articles 16 – 27**

e.g. Products of animal origin, residues, animal welfare, plant health, GMOs, plant protection products, organic production, new risks

Art. 28–33
Delegation
of tasks

Art. 34–42
Sampling,
analyses,
tests +
Diagnoses

Art. 43– 76
IMPORT
CONTROLS

Art. 77-91
Financing
OC + official
certification

Art. 92-101
EURLs
EURCs

**Art. 102–
108**
Administrative
Assistance
+ Cooperation

**Art. 109-
115**
Planning +
Reporting

**Art. 116–
124**
Commission
Controls

**Art. 125–
129**
Conditions for
entry into the
EU

Art. 130
Training
(BTSF)

**Art. 131–
136**
IMSOC

**Art. 137–
141**
Enforce-
ment

Common Provisions - **Articles 142 – 167**



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Planning, performing, reporting

Multiannual control plans, coordinated by a single body;
publicly available; reviews/updates

Risk based, regular controls at an appropriate frequency, performed without prior notice, unless necessary and duly justified for the controls to be carried out

Annual reports by 31 August each year;
including the outcome of official controls



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The risk based approach

Controls to be performed "**regularly, on a risk basis and with appropriate frequency**"

Own controls,
including
private quality
schemes

Risks associated
with animals and
goods, activities,
location...and the
likelihood that
consumers might
be misled

Operator's **past
record**



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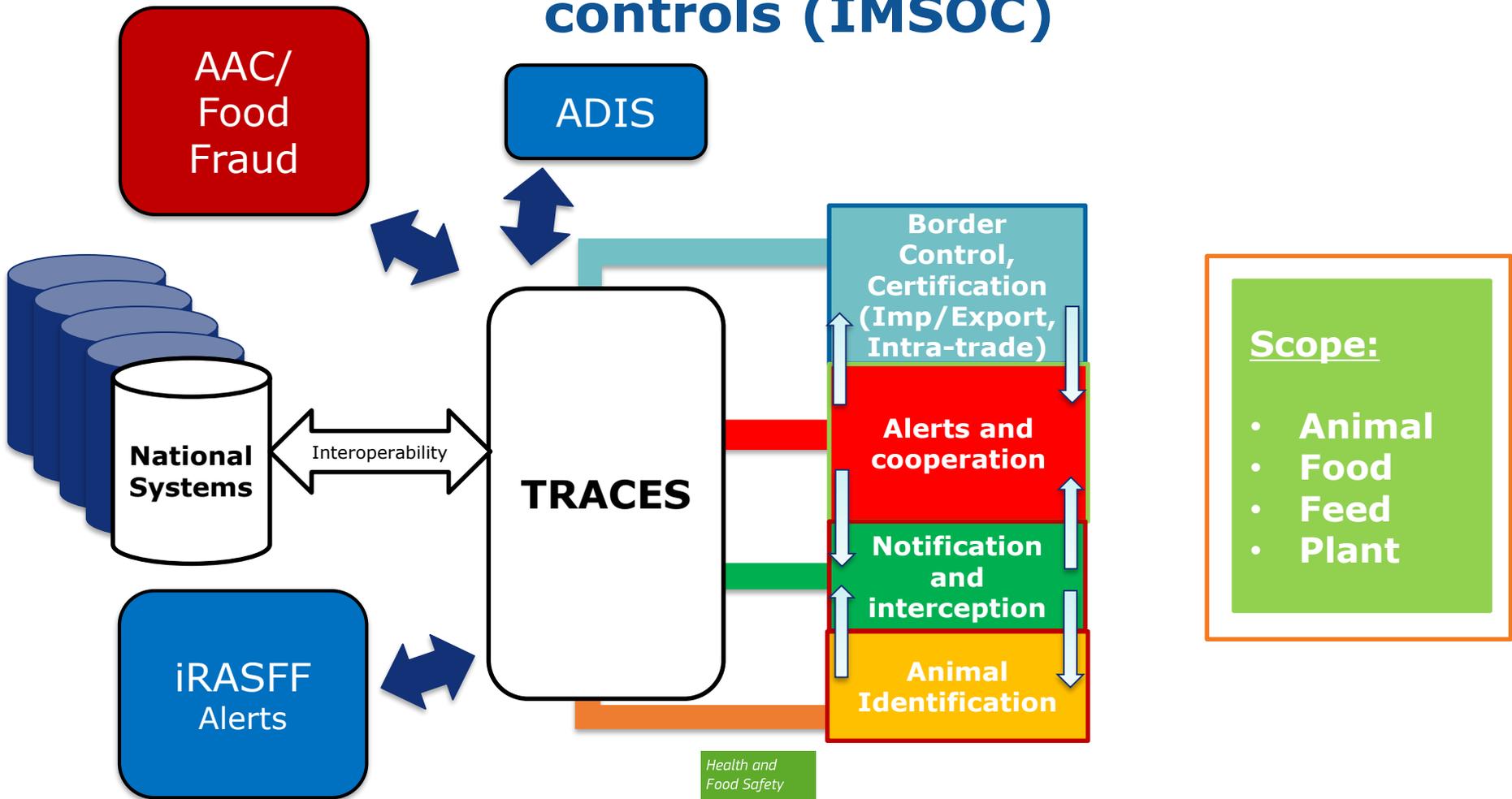
Risk-based controls





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Information Management System for official controls (IMSOC)





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Entry into the Union – Main rules

"High risk"

Animals, products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products, plant, plant products and certain feed and food of non-animal origin* =

Designated **BCP** of first arrival

Always documentary checks; risk based identity and physical checks

"Low risk"

Animals and goods whose inherent risks do not require systematic border controls =

An **appropriate place** within the customs territory of the Union

Regular, risk based controls with appropriate frequency (established by Member States)

Same set of measures in cases of non-compliance, including enforcement measures

* **Positive** lists identifying animals and goods with CN codes **are established**

Fraudulent or deceptive practices

Likelihood of consumers being misled

Whistle-blowers

Reference centres

Authenticity and integrity of the agri-food chain

Financial penalties to reflect advantage or turnover

Exchange of information (IMSOC, AAC etc.)

Additional or special rules on official controls

- *The rule on risk-based controls applies as a general rule*
- *Additional more specific rules on official controls may be established **in addition** to the rules in the OCR: eg rules in Art. 18 to 27 OCR; rules on controls in Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848*
- *Art. 9(3) OCR – official controls performed prior to the placing on the market for issuance of official certificates/attestations required by sectoral rules in art. 1(2) as a condition for placing on the market must be performed in accordance with the sector specific rules*

See SANTE website for more information

https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/official-controls-and-enforcement/legislation-official-controls_en