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Personal imports Results 2018

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1. Objectives

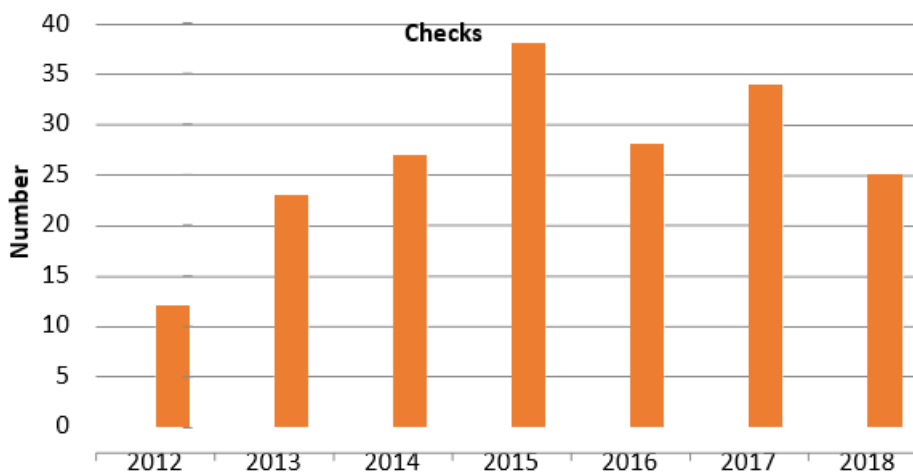
- Increased checks on food imports by passengers from third countries
- Cooperation between customs, the FASFC, the FAMHP and the FPS Public Health
- Recommendations made by the HFAA (Regulation 2006/2009)
- Preventing the introduction of rabies



2. Planning of checks

- 2 checks a month at Zaventem (Brussels) Airport and 1 check a month in Gosselies (Brussels south, Charleroi) + additional checks during peak season in Bierset (Liège) and Ostend : 25 checks in 2018.

- Zaventem : 12
- Gosselies : 8
- Bierset : 2
- Ostend : 3



2. Planning of checks

- Countries of origin in 2018

Algeria	United Arab Emirates	Macedonia	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Morocco	Thailand
Burundi	Gambia	Qatar	Togo
Cameroon	Ghana	Democratic Republic of Congo	Tunisia
Canada	India	Dominican Republic	Turkey
China	Kosovo	Rwanda	Vietnam
Ivory Coast			





3. Results

- Foodstuffs

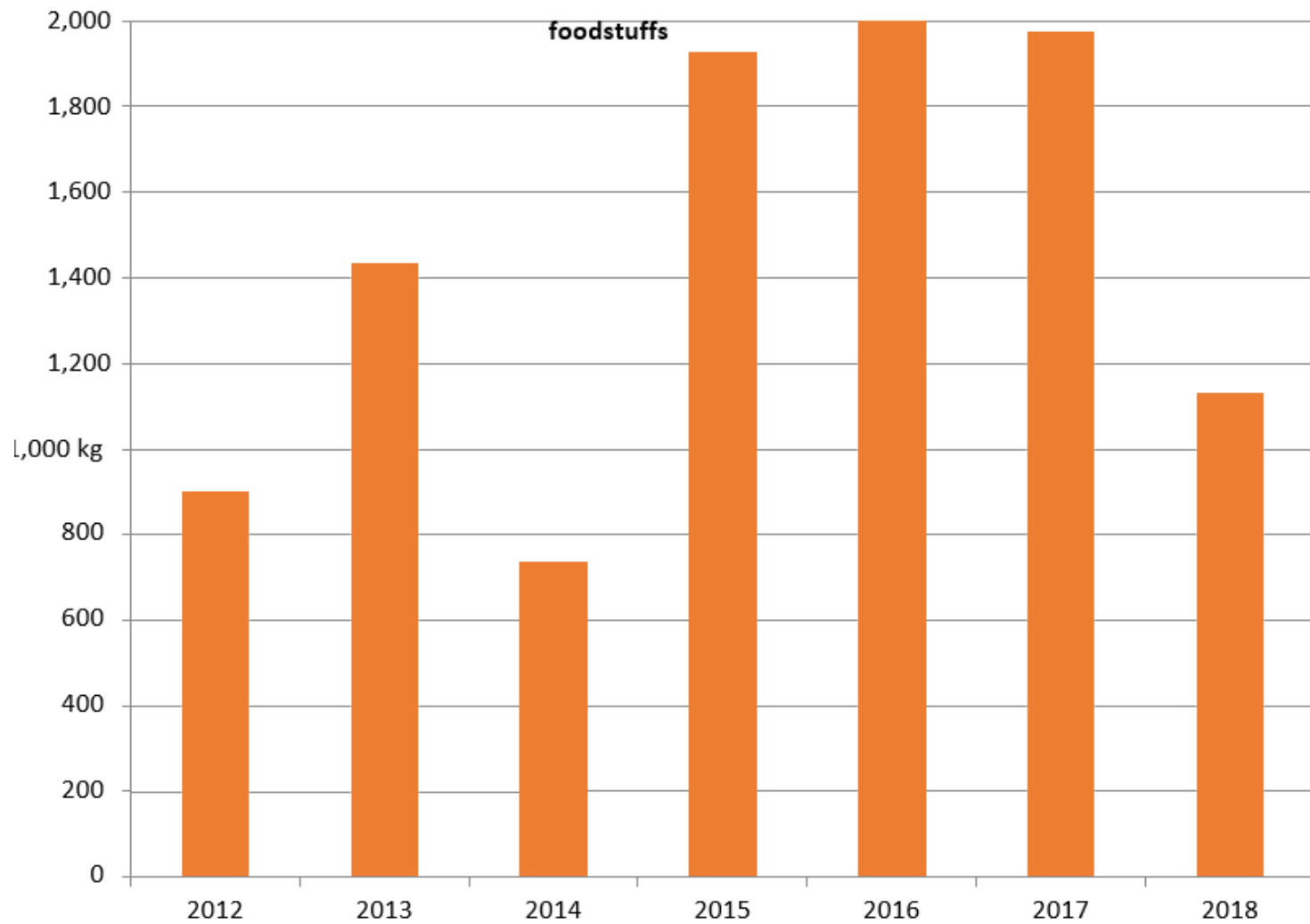
Number of travellers	Total Quantity	Description
160	483.87 kg	Meat and meat products (cold cuts, chicken, pork, beef, agouti, goat, sheep,...)
9	180 kg	Excess fish (more than 20kg per person)
114	232.5 kg	Foodstuffs of animal origin (cheese, yoghurt, butter, ...)
10	66.05 kg	Excess honey (more than 2kg) or honey with the honeycomb still present
3	12 kg	Excess insects (more than 2kg)
16	95.3 kg	Fruit without a certificate
1	1 plant	Prohibited fruit and plants (presence of soil, mandarins with leaves,...)
2	47.9 kg	Contaminated foodstuffs (insects, meat, fungi,...)
1	2 pieces	Rodenticide 30
1	0.4 kg	Jam containing sildenafil



1,118.02 kg in 2018 compared to 1,975.35 kg in 2017

If more than 20 kg of fish is imported, all of this fish has to be destroyed.







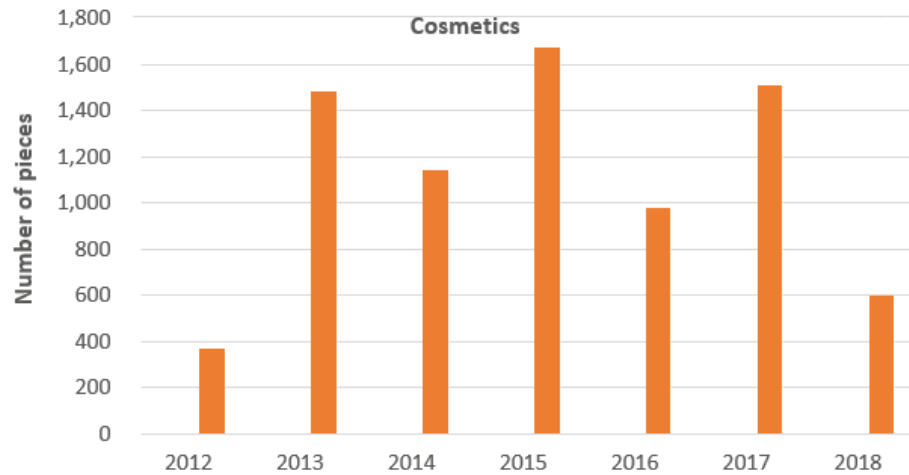


3. Results

- Cosmetics

Standard number of travellers	Total quantity	Description
19	271 pieces	Product containing hydroquinone
32	325 pieces	Not communicated, non-compliant composition

596 pieces in 2018 compared to 1,507 pieces in 2017. Cosmetics and medication often get mixed up when preparing the documents

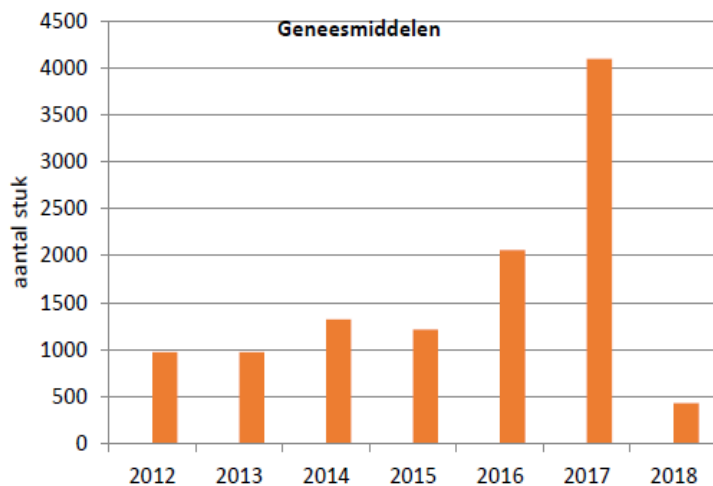


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- Medicines

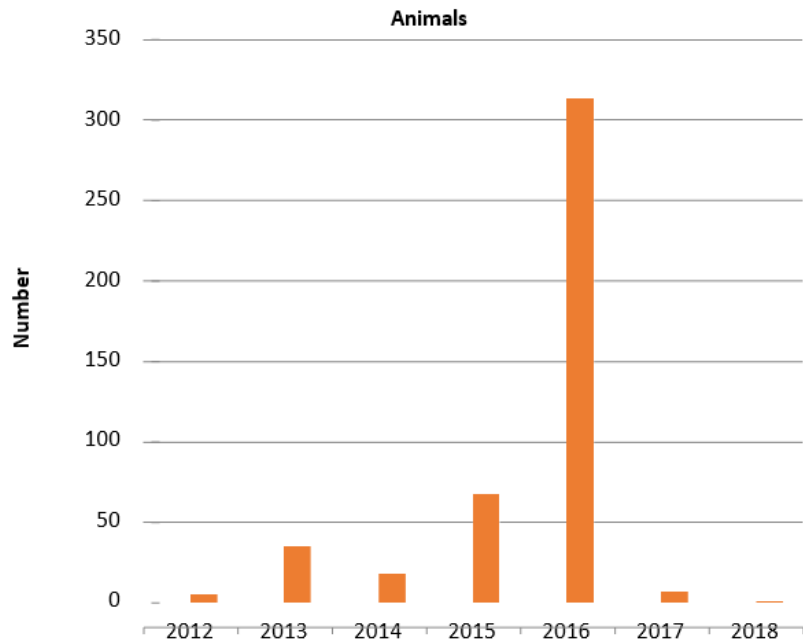
Standard number of travellers	Total quantity	Description
9	142 pieces	Product containing clobetasol
6	76 pieces	Product containing betamethasone
13	209 pieces	Other substances (sildenafil, testosterone,...)

427 pieces in 2018 compared to 4,097 in 2017.



3. Results

- Animals



3. Results

- CITES:

Number of passengers in violation	Total quantity	Description
1	3	Live turtles
2	12 kg	Bushmeat
1	2 kg	Crocodile meat
1	0.4 kg	Turtle meat

17.4 kg of meat was confiscated for the bush meat analyses.

TV report: Media attention!





4. Conclusions

2012 : 12 checks

2013 : 24 checks

2014 : 28 checks

2015 : 38 checks

2016 : 28 checks

2017 : 34 checks

2018 : 25 checks

- 25 third countries inspected



4. Conclusions

- The number of checks carried out is in line with the objectives
- Despite a decrease in the number of checks, food imports have not decreased to the same extent
- Thus, there is certainly no downward trend in food imports from third countries
- In 2019, more checks will be carried out at Zaventem Airport



4. Conclusions

- Zaventem : More efficient checks through better passenger selection
- Gosselies : Successful, mainly flights to North African countries
- Bierset : Few flights
- Ostend : Few flights



Thank you for your attention

