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

Draft Agenda

"Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625"

Thursday, 6 February 2020, **09H30 – 13H00**
Centre de Conférences A. Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

EXPERT GROUP of MEMBER STATES on OFFICIAL CONTROLS

1	9:30 – 10:15	<p>Welcome and presentation by the Commission on the state of play of, and novelties in, the delegated acts published under the OCR</p> <p><i>COM presented the novelties in the delegated acts under the OCR. Questions and comments from MS revolved around exemptions from BCP controls, checks elsewhere than in BCPs, re-entry of animals and goods in the Union, wood packaging material, CHED as accompanying document and transit, transshipment and onward transportation. MS suggested that a dedicated meeting should be held to further discuss the new rules related to border controls.</i></p>	
2	10:15 – 11:15	<p>First impressions of implementing the delegated acts under the OCR (discussion with Member States)</p> <p><i>See above.</i></p>	
	11:15 – 11:30	<p>Coffee break</p>	
3	11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Requests from Member States as regards the future work on delegated acts (derogations from laboratory accreditation, derogations from border controls for personal luggage and composite products, etc.)</i></p> <p><i>COM made a presentation on the state of play of its internal reflections as regards accreditation of laboratories (empowerment in Article 41 of the OCR) and on composite products exempted from border controls (empowerment in Article 48h of the OCR). As for empowerments not used so far, MS mainly suggested that focus should be put on</i></p>	

		<i>registration of operators (Article 10), animal transport (Article 21), plant protection products (Article 24), prior notification (Article 45) and food contact material entering the Union (Article 126). A potential need for further EURLs was also mentioned.</i>	
	13:00	<p>Conclusion of the meeting</p> <p><i>MS were invited to submit written comments within the weeks to follow, and informed that the next OCR expert group meeting would be planned for the second half of April 2020.</i></p>	