



Supporting the implementation of official controls: the work of the MANCP and NAS networks

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Background 1

❖ *Regulation 882/2004 – new obligations*

- **Article 4(6) internal audits- National Audit Systems (NAS)**
- **Article 41 Multi Annual National Control Plan (MANCP)**
- **Article 44 Annual Report (AR) on implementation of MANCP**



Background 2

- ❖ *Article 43 of Regulation 882/2004 provision for Commission guidelines*
- ❖ *2 working groups established*
 - **"MANCP" group guidelines for MANCP and Annual Reports**
 - **"NAS" group guidelines for audits under Article 4(6)**
 - **Evolved into "networks" to share experiences, good practices and keep guidelines under review**

Network Activities

❖ *Information sharing*

- **presentations by participants and workshops to discuss ways and means**
- **factual and non judgemental**
- **over time more critical evaluation and identification of good practice**

❖ *Other contributions*

- **NAS group identified training needs that contributed to the BTSF audit training**
- **MANCP group developed the executive summary for Annual Reports**



Disseminate good practice

❖ Reference documents by network –guidance on practical aspects

- Non-binding, and not a formal audit standard
- Accepted as a legitimate approach to implement legal requirements
- Can be wholly or partially incorporated into existing arrangements

❖ Working methods

- Workshops and discussion at plenary meetings
- Sub-groups to develop principles agreed by plenary group into working texts

Reference Documents

❖ *MANCP Network*

- ❑ Risk based planning of controls
- ❑ Developing objectives and Indicators
- ❑ Verification of Effectiveness

❖ *NAS Network*

- ❑ Risk-based planning
- ❑ How to evaluate effectiveness
- ❑ Independence and independent scrutiny
- ❑ Audit evidence
- ❑ Root Cause Analysis



Sharing Information

- ❖ *CIRCABC Interest groups for MANCP and NAS*
 - **Minutes of meetings, presentations and reference documents**
- ❖ Use your ECAS username and password and log in to CIRCABC (<https://circabc.europa.eu>).
- ❖ Under "European Commission" , click on the "Health and Food Safety" section.
- ❖ Under the "Registered Access" list, click on "Join this Group" beside the MANCP or NAS Network title.
- ❖ No ECAS registration send request to SANTE-F6-Meetings@ec.europa.eu.

Future

- ❖ *MANCP network –preparation of IA for new Annual Report*
 - **4-5 plenary sessions planned for 2017**
- ❖ *Networks will review suitability of current guidelines for NAS, MANCP and AR*
 - **propose changes to reflect developments in systems and to align with New OCR**
- ❖ *Reference documents will also be reviewed*
 - **Revision**
 - **New areas for guidance?**