



The Official Controls Regulation

Enacting terms

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Structure of the OCR

General Principles (Articles 1 – 15)

Scope; definitions; transparency; responsibilities of Competent Authorities and business operators

Sector Specific Requirements (Articles 16 – 27)

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Procedural and transitional provisions
(articles 142 – 167)

General principles

Simplification

Harmonisation

Efficiency

Transparency

The risk based approach is maintained

Scope of the OCR (Art. 1.2)

Food and
food
safety

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safety

GMOs

Animal
health

Animal
welfare

Animal
by-
products

Plant
health

Plant
protection
products

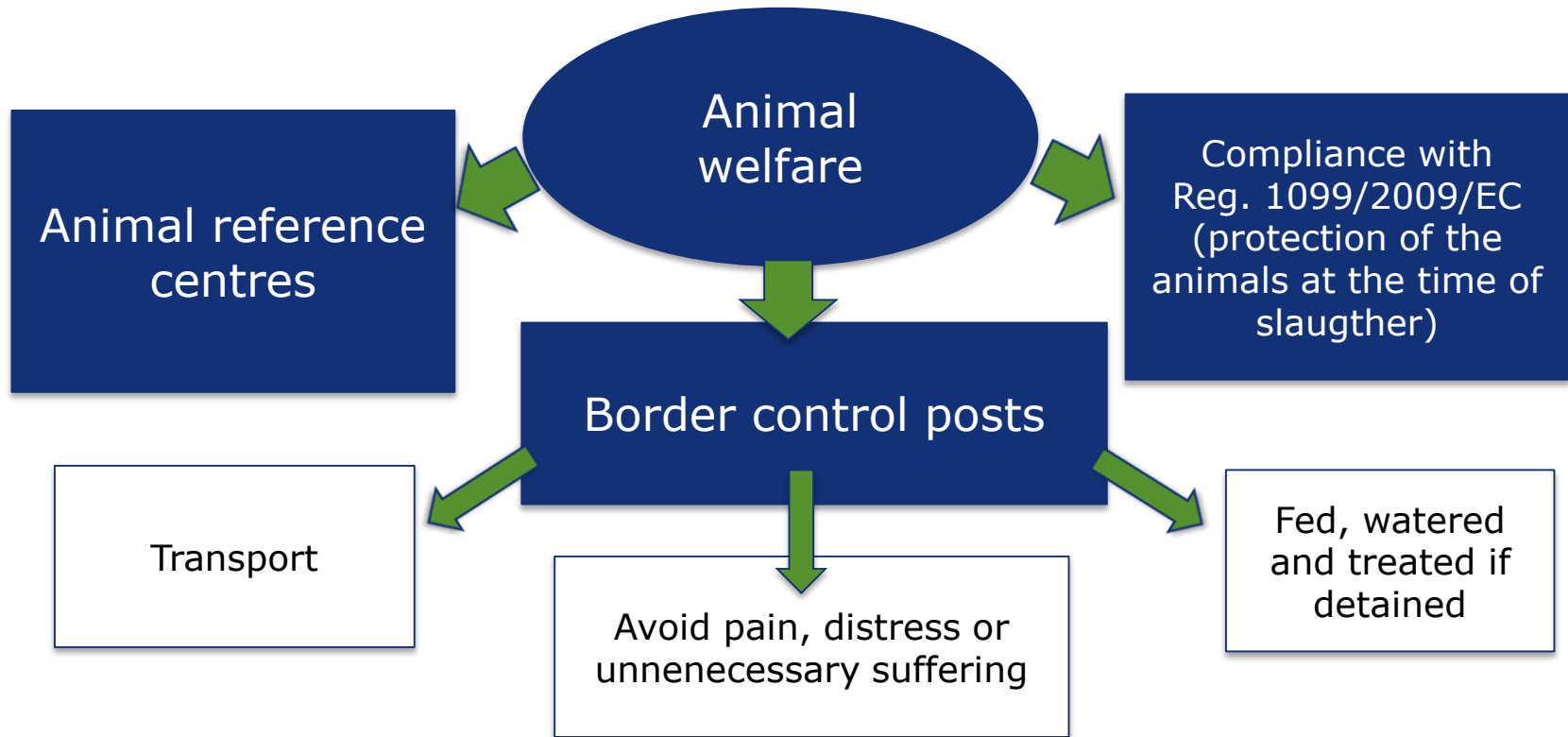
Organic
production

PDOs,
PGIs,
TSGs



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Animal welfare





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Fraud

Marketing
standards

Likelihood of
consumers being
misled

- **Properties**
- **Quality**
- **Composition**
- **Origin**

Whistle-blowers

Authenticity
and integrity
of the
agri-food chain

Reference centres

- **Knowledge and
research**
- **Methods for detection**
- **Identify vulnerable
segments**

Financial penalties

Exchange of information

Obligations of the authorities (Art. 5)

Ensure the effectiveness, impartiality and quality of official controls and other official activities (Art. 5)

Perform official controls in accordance with documented procedures; draw up written records of every control (Art. 13)

May delegate, in writing, certain tasks to bodies or natural persons (Art. 28)

Obligations of the operators (Art.15)

Provide information on their name, legal form and specific activities

Give access to computers and premises, to the extent necessary

Assist and cooperate with the staff of the competent authorities and organic control authorities

Planning, performing, reporting

Multiannual control plans (Article 109), coordinated by a single body; publicly available; information for annual reports + reviews/updates

Risk based, regular controls at appropriate frequency (Art. 9).
Performed without prior notice, unless necessary for the control to be carried out; minimise the administrative burden of the operators

Annual reports by 31 August each year (Art. 113);
regular and timely publication of the outcome of official controls,
incorrect information to be rectified (Art. 11)



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Sector specific requirements

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Units involved, e.g.:

Meat hygiene (G.4)

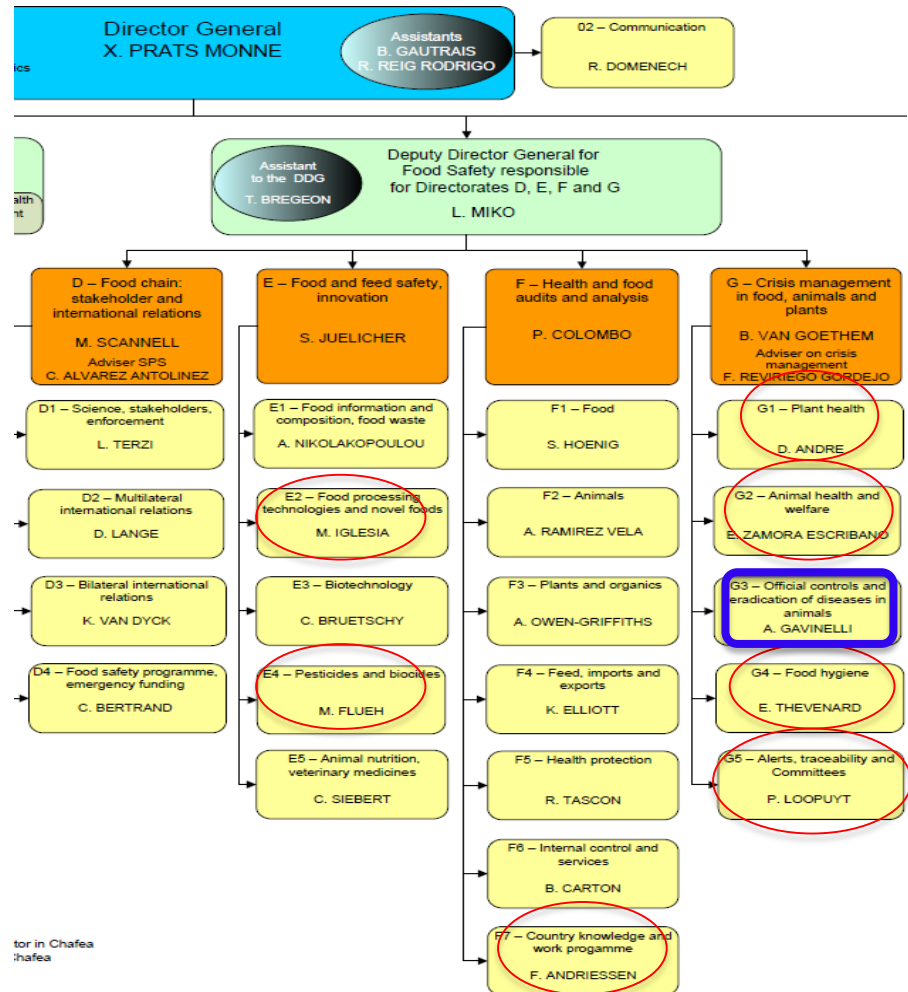
Residues (E.2)

Animal health & welfare (G.2)

Plant health (G.1)

IMSOC (G.5)

Plant protection products (E.4)



Example: The plant health sector

The Commission is empowered to establish detailed rules to cater for the specific needs of the plant health sector

E.g. uniform frequency of controls performed on operators authorised to...

...issue plant passports

...apply the mark on wood packaging material, wood etc

...issue official attestations

Documentary checks on consignments of plants and plant products may be performed at a distance from a BCP

Horizontal requirements

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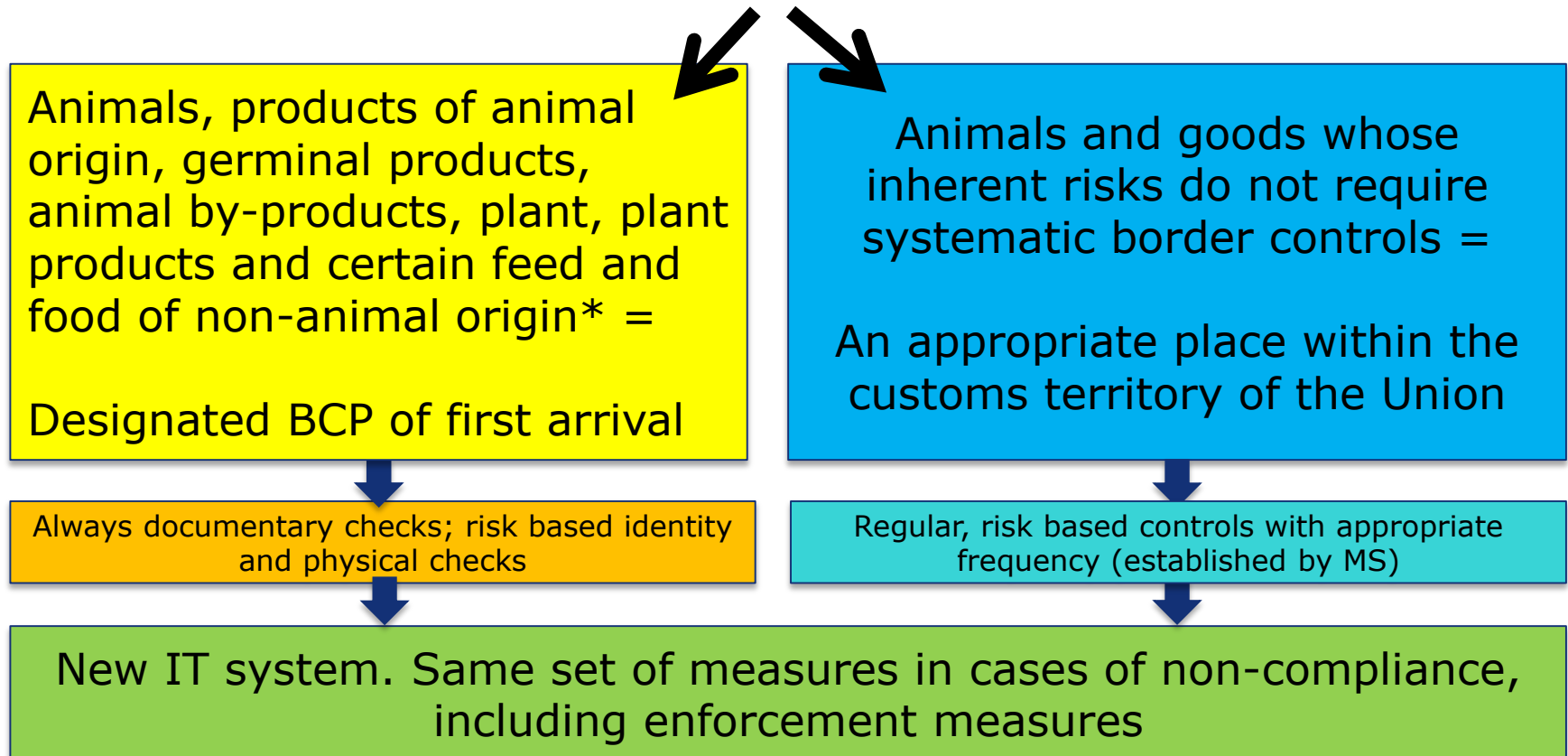
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Entry into the Union – main rules



* A list with CN codes to be established

No empowerments!

Financing

⇒ **Adequate resources for all types of controls!**

Mandatory fees:

- Slaughterhouses
- Cutting plants
- Milk products
- Fishery products



Fees in Annex

- BCPs**
- Animals
 - Products of animal origin, germ. prod, ABP
 - Plant + plant protection prod.
 - Request of operators
 - Follow-up non-compliance safeguard measures



Flat rate

Actual costs



Optional fees: To cover costs

(No fees = covered by states' general expenses/budget/tax)

Cost elements:

- Staff salary
- Facilities + equipment
- Consumables
- Services of delegated bodies
- Continuous training
- Travel
- Sampling + testing



TRANSPARENCY:

Make public e.g. the method and data used to establish fees, and the amount charged to each category of operators; stakeholders to be consulted on the general methods of calculation



Procedural and transitional provisions

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See handout!

Entry into force and application

Publication in Official Journal:

April 2017 (probably)

OC Regulation – enter into **APPLICATION** timeline

Entry into force

+ 0 days

+ 1
year

+ 5
years

14/12/2019

14/12/2022
or earlier

Art.
167(4)

Art.
167(3)

Art.
167(2)

Art. **167(1)**

Art.
**149,150,
154,155**



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Further information

DG SANTE website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/official_controls/review/index_en.htm