



# Official Controls Regulation State of play - tertiary legislation

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Official Controls Regulation (OCR) - a key element of the EU's food safety and food control system

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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

<b>Art. 28-33</b> Delegation of tasks	<b>Art. 34-42</b> Sampling, analyses, tests + Diagnoses	<b>Art. 43- 76</b> <b>IMPORT CONTROLS</b>	<b>Art. 77-91</b> Financing OC + official certification	<b>Art. 92-101</b> EURLs EURCs	<b>Art. 102-108</b> Administrative Assistance + Cooperation
<b>Art. 109-115</b> Planning + Reporting	<b>Art. 116-124</b> Commission Controls	<b>Art. 125-129</b> Conditions for entry into the EU	<b>Art. 130</b> Training (BTSF)	<b>Art. 131-136</b> IMSOC	<b>Art. 137-141</b> Enforcement

### Common Provisions - Articles 142 - 167

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## Progress in ongoing discussions - 1

- *Act published on 25 March:*
  - **Addition of composite products, hay and straw to goods to be checked at BCP**
- *Acts adopted and transmitted to Council and EP:*
  - **Training of BCP staff**
  - **Derogations from BCP requirements**
- *Acts voted in PAFF:*
  - **Prior notification**
  - **Minimum requirements for BCPs**

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## Progress in ongoing discussions - 2

- *Discussion with other COM services close to finalisation:*
  - **Return of consignments after refusal of entry by third country**
  - **Wood packaging material**
  - **Intensified controls**
  - **Monitoring of consignments to the place of destination**
  - **Exemptions from BCP controls**
  - **Transit, transhipment, onward transportation**
  - **IMSOC**

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## Progress in ongoing discussions - 3

- *Discussions with MS experts close to finalisation for:*
  - **Details on physical/identity/documentary checks**
  - **Identity and physical checks at control points**
- *Discussions ongoing:*
  - **Frequencies of identity and physical checks at BCPs**
- *Discussions to be launched (relevant as of 2021):*
  - **Specific composite products/exempted fr. BCPs**
  - **Single set of certificates with AH/food safety guarantees**

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## Forthcoming dates

Stakeholder meeting (AG working group)

28 May 2019

New time window for delegated acts to be transmitted to the European Parliament:

as of 18 July 2019

Publication for feedback by stakeholders

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say_en)

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## Conferences

### **24 – 26 June 2019 (Berlin)**

- Conference on official controls on e-commerce together with German authorities

### **13 December 2019 (Brussels)**

- Conference on the Official Controls Regulation (together with future FI Presidency)
  - **Participation of Member States, stakeholders and trading partners**
    - **Discussion/exchange on best practice in relation to main changes introduced (plant health, border checks, enforcement, role of stakeholders)**

