



Official Controls Regulation: implementation of empowerment in Article 52

*Details of documentary checks, identity checks and
physical checks*

Preliminary views –
no decision is undertaken to take this initiative

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Article 52

Details of documentary checks, identity checks + physical checks

For the purposes of ensuring the **uniform implementation** of **Articles 49, 50 and 51**, the Commission shall, by means of **implementing acts**, lay down detailed rules on the operations to be carried out **during** and **after** the **documentary** checks, **identity** checks and **physical** checks referred to in those Articles to ensure the **efficient performance of those official controls**.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in **Article 145(2)**

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OCR Art. 3 points 41 - 43

documentary check = the **examination of the official certificates, official attestations and other documents** including documents of a commercial nature, which are required to accompany the consignment as provided for by the rules referred to in **Article 1(2)**, by **Article 56(1)** or by implementing acts adopted in accordance with **Articles 77 (3), 126(3), 128(1) + 129(1)**

identity check = a **visual inspection** to verify that the content and the labelling of a consignment, including the marks on animals, seals and means of transport, correspond to the information provided in the official certificates, official attestations and other documents accompanying it

physical check = **check on animals or goods** and, as appropriate, checks on packaging, the means of transport, labelling and temperature, the sampling for analysis, testing or diagnosis and any other check necessary to verify compliance with the rules referred to in **Article 1(2)**

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operations carried out during + after

documentary checks	identity checks	physical checks	follow-up (after)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> consult TRACES/IMSOC database (notification) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> identify intended customs approved treatment/use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check if CHED¹ is duly completed (Art. 56 OCR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check if each certificate/attestation/document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is an original/appropriate replacement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is fully completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is issued by the responsible authority of a country of origin authorised to export to EU <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> meets the general principles of certification (Art. 86 - 91 OCR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is duly stamped and signed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> provides the required guarantees for the animal/goods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the data in different documents match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official seals intact (on shipping containers, outer packaging etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outer labelling matches with certificate/attestation/document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal, good description matches with certificate/attestation/document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal identification is present as required and matches with certificate/attestation/document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stamps, official/health marks are present on goods (identifying country/establishment of origin) as required and match with certificate/attestation/document 	<p>Animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clinical examination to check whether matches health certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> examination of animal welfare conditions <p>Plants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> inspection for the presence of pests (i.e. insects, nematodes, bacteria, fungi, viruses and virus-like organisms) <p>Other goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> labelling (adequate/complete) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> organoleptic examination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transport/storage conditions (e.g. packaging temperature) <p>Animals, Plants and other goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> samples for examinations 	<p>Recording (Art.13 OCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> results of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - documentary checks - identity checks - physical checks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> interpretation of results <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> decisions in accordance with the applicable legislation (e.g. release, quarantine, detention, destruction) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificates and documents accompanying consignments further





What are the operations to be carried out **after the documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks other than those already mentioned in **Section III OCR**?**

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