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

Minutes
Working Group
"Official Controls Regulation (EU 2017/625)"

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit SANTE G3

Thursday 18 November 2021, **9H30 – 12H30**
Skype call

WORKING GROUP

1	9:30 – 11:00	<p>Article 47:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • questions of interpretation as regards official controls on organics • clarifications on designation of BCPs for organics • presentation on introduction into TRACES of points for release into free circulation 	The Commission presented the updated guidance on organic border controls and provided explanations on the future arrangements for organic/SPS controls in TRACES, BCP and control points designation and registration in TRACES of points of release for free circulation, including a users' manual.
2	11:00– 11:30	Guidance on several provisions of the OCR	The Commission presented an update of the draft OCR guidance with additional elements and clarifications, as well as open points for discussion.
3	11:30– 12:00	Article 70: application of Articles 66, 67 and 68	The Commission presented an overview of the feedback received on a draft Implementing Act. Possible ways to proceed with this initiative were discussed.
4	12:00– 12:15	Article 47(2): amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 - list of goods with CN codes	The Commission updated Member States on its preparations of an amendment to the list of CN codes.
5	12:15– 12:30	Article 139: Member States' rules on penalties/ access to information	The Commission asked Member States to provide their comments on whether information on national rules on penalties provided to the Commission via an established CircaBC group could be published, in order to reduce administrative burden for the Commission in relation to requests for access to documents.