



Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625: state of play

**Advisory Group of the
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Outline

I,II : General considerations & recent meetings

III-IV:: First achievements & current priorities

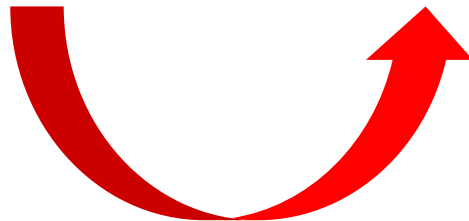
V-VI: Developments on manifest & pre-notifications

VII: Timeline of the delegated & implementing acts
(work plan)

Entry into force and application dates:

**Entry into
force:
29 April
2017**

**Main date of
application:
14 December 2019**

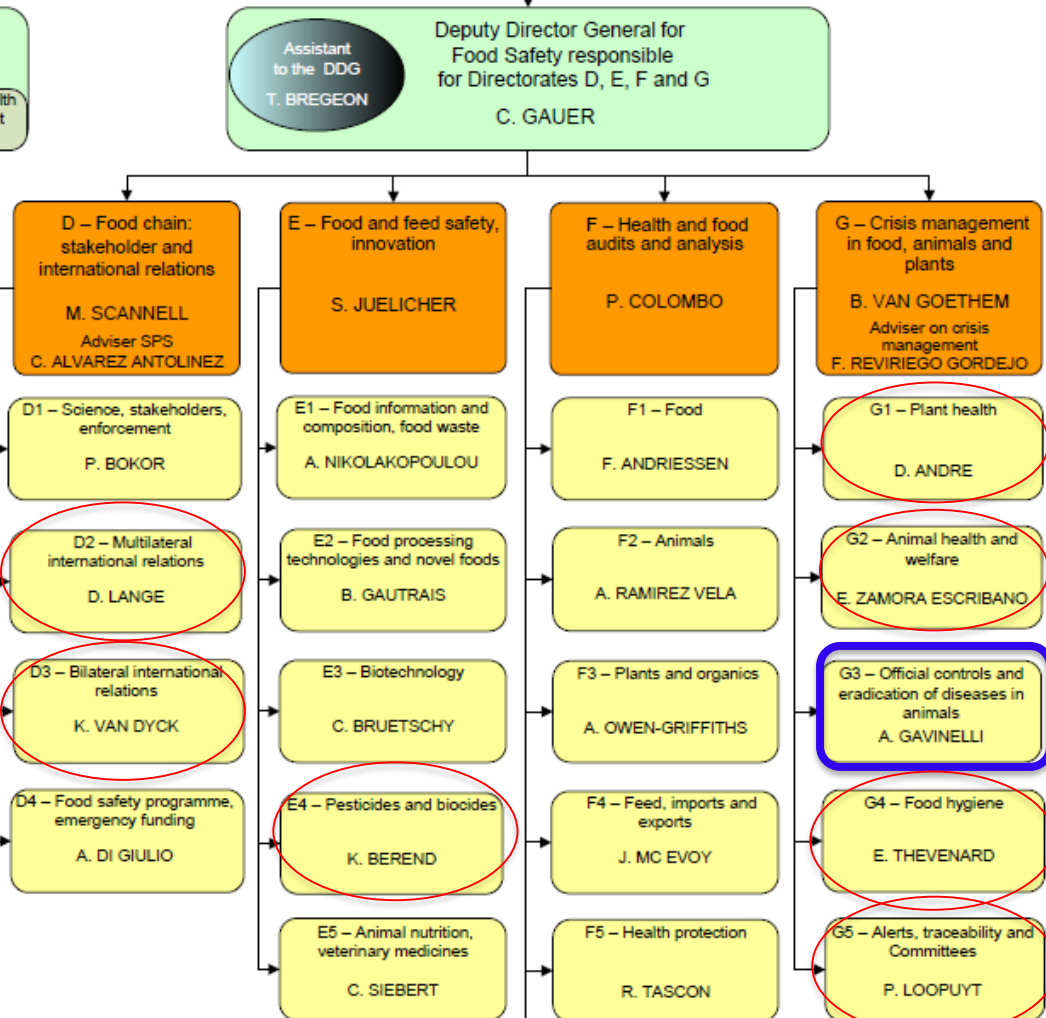




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I. General consideration (1)

Role of unit G.3 as coordinator within DG SANTE



Plant health (G.1)

Animal health & welfare (G.2)

Food Hygiene (G.4)

Alerts & Traceability (G.5)

Pesticides (E.4)

Multilateral + bilateral international relations (D.2, D.3)

General considerations (2)

Previous update in November 2017 focussed on 2018 & 2019 work plan:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/official-controls_expert-group_20171027_pres02.pdf

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→ Focus in 2018 is on derived legislation on "**entry into the EU**" (imports)

Time pressure due to the Parliament recess as from early 2019

II. Recent meetings

- Presentation of the DG SANTE work plan to the secretariat of the ENVI Committee / Eur. Parliament (February 2018);
- Meeting with Member States experts & working groups on imports every two months + on specific issues, e.g.
 - IMSOC (25 April, G.5)
 - Hygiene, food of animal origin, import conditions, Art 18, 19, 126 (11-12 April, G.4)
 - Plants and products (26 March, G.1)
 - Rules on uniform official controls on plants + products , Art. 22 (G.1, 19 March)
 - temporary measures (Art 47, 54) for controls at Border Control posts (D.2, 18 March)

III. what we have done so far: First achievements in 2018

1. Delegated act (adopted 7 February) to establish
EU Reference Laboratories for **plant health**;



→ call to be launched in spring + IA under development to designate the **5 EURL** needed by the end of 2018;

2. Implementing act (adopted 5 March) to designate
EU Reference Centre for **animal welfare**



IV. Examples of work in progress:

3 Draft Regulations on import conditions (unit G.4):

- I. Delegated Regulation under Article 126(1)
- II. Implementing Regulation under Article 127(2): List of countries
- III. Implementing Regulation under Article 90: model certificates

Draft Regulation on IMSOC (unit G.5):

- I. Digitalization, e-certification and paperless procedures will contribute to efficient controls
(IT systems & procedures for operative networks: RASFF, AAC, TRACES Europhyt, Frauds Network)



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Empowerments - BCPs: Border Control Posts

Entry into the EU: documents at advanced stage of discussion

Agenda of today, **27 April**, with Member States

Training for staff of Competent
Authorities at BCPs
(DA, Art. 49.5)

Rules on **onward
transportations, transit &
transhipment** (DA, 51)

composite products
(DA, Art. 47.3)

Rules on **onward transportations,
transit & transhipment** (DA, 51)

Rules on **performance of special controls**
for animals & goods from Third countries
(DA 77.1,2)



**Common Nomenclature
code list** of animals and
goods to be checked at BCPs
(IA, 47.2): draft

Border Control **facilities** –
**for Competent
Authorities** (IA, 64.4)

Pre-notifications (IA,
58.b); background note

Listing of BCP (IA, 60.2)



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Empowerments for Border Control Posts

Entry into the EU: draft agenda for **20 June** with Member States

Rules & measures:
wood-packaging material
(DA, 77.1d)

Rules & measures:
re-import (DA, 77.1h)

Use of CHED (DA, 50.4)

Onward transportations,
Transit, trans-shipment
(DA, 51)



Intensified controls
(IA 65.6)

Frequencies for checks of
Products of non-animal
origin (IA 54.3)

Operations during and
after documentary, identity
& physical checks (IA, 52)

V. Composite products: a "package" of instruments currently under discussion

The "channelling" of composite products through BCPs
(Art 47.3 OCR)

The exemption from BCP controls of certain categories of composite products
(Art 48 OCR)

List of composite products, including CN codes
(Art 47.2a OCR)

Import conditions such as listing, certificates or attestations
(Art 90 and 126 OCR + AHL)

Risk posed by each category to be reflected in the frequency of physical and identity checks (Art 54.3 OCR)



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VI. Recent developments on Manifest & pre-notifications

- Your concerns about granting flexibility on manifest & pre-notifications are considered, and have been echoed by Member States
- Discussion is **ongoing today** with Member States' Competent Authorities – our objective is
 - to integrate Member States' concerns to have effective controls
 - facilitate trade flows



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VII. Overview of the **expected timeline** of the delegated & implementing acts

Delegated acts for Border Control Posts



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Jan 2018	April 2018	Dec. 2018	March 2019	Dec. 2019
Training for BCP staff DA 49.5	<i>internal procedures</i>	final stage		
Composite products DA, 47.3	<i>internal procedures</i>	Final stage		
Derogations from BCP requirements (DA 62.3, 64.2, 64.5)		<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
Meat inspection - DA + IA, 18.7, 18.8		<i>Int. proc.</i>	Final stage	
Use & Format of the CHED - DA, 50.4		<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
Rules and documentary checks for Onward transportation, Transit, Transhipment DA, 51		<i>int. proc.</i>	Final stage	
Rules on operations during & after documentary, identity & physical checks DA, 52		<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
Rules & measures after controls: wood packaging material, re-import DA, 77.1		<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
	Rules on controls in places different from BCP of first arrival DA, 53.1	<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
	Rules on performance of special controls for animals & goods from Third countries - DA 77 (1,2)	<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
Import conditions (DA, Art. 126, list of countries, establishments- 854/2004)				
	Animals & goods for controls at BCP - DA, 48	<i>int. proc.</i>	final stage	
	Measures to VPM - DA 19.2	<i>int. proc.</i>		

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Implementing acts for Border Control Posts



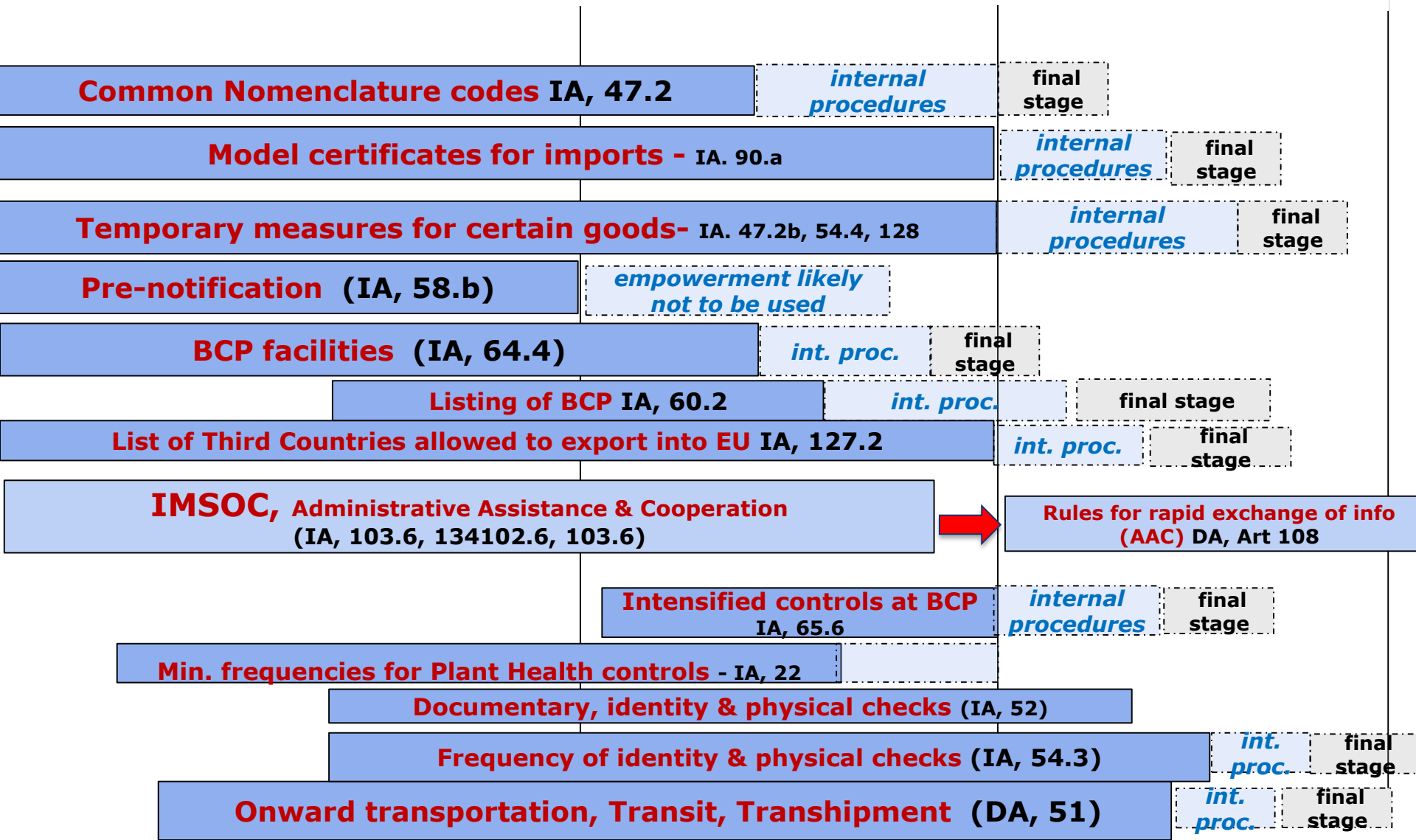
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Jan 2018

April 2018

Dec. 2018

Dec 2019



Delegated & implementing acts – other projects



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Jan 2018

April 2018

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Dec 2019

**EU Reference Centre
Animal Welfare Art 95.1**

Adopted

**Establishment of EURL
for Plant Health, DA 92.4**

**Designation of 5 EURL
Plant Health - IA, 93.1**

**Min. frequencies for
Plant Health controls
IA, Art. 22**

internal procedures

**Control programmes on Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP)
(IA, 19.3, 112, 113.2)**

*internal
procedures*

**Multi Annual National Control Programme
reports (IA, Art. 113.2)**

internal procedures

**COM multi-annual Programme of controls
(IA, Art. 118.1)**

internal procedures

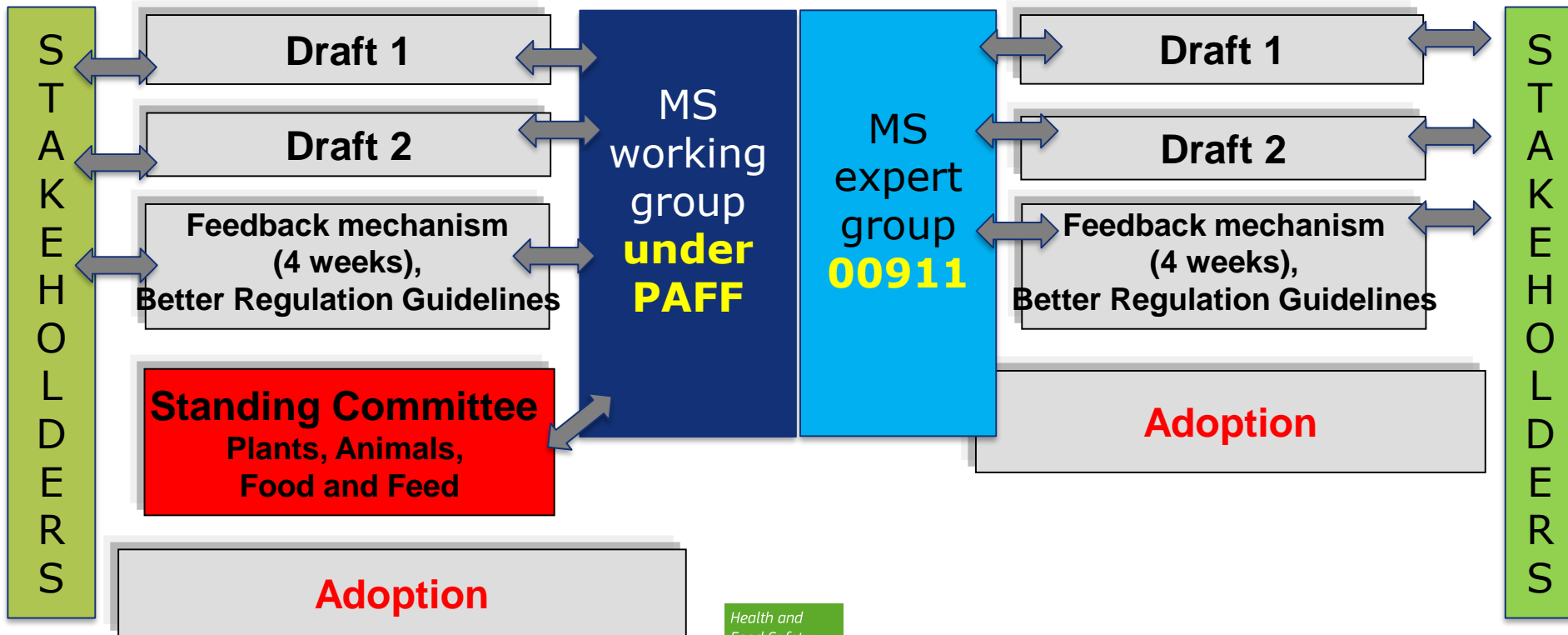


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Standard decision-making process

Implementing Act (IA)

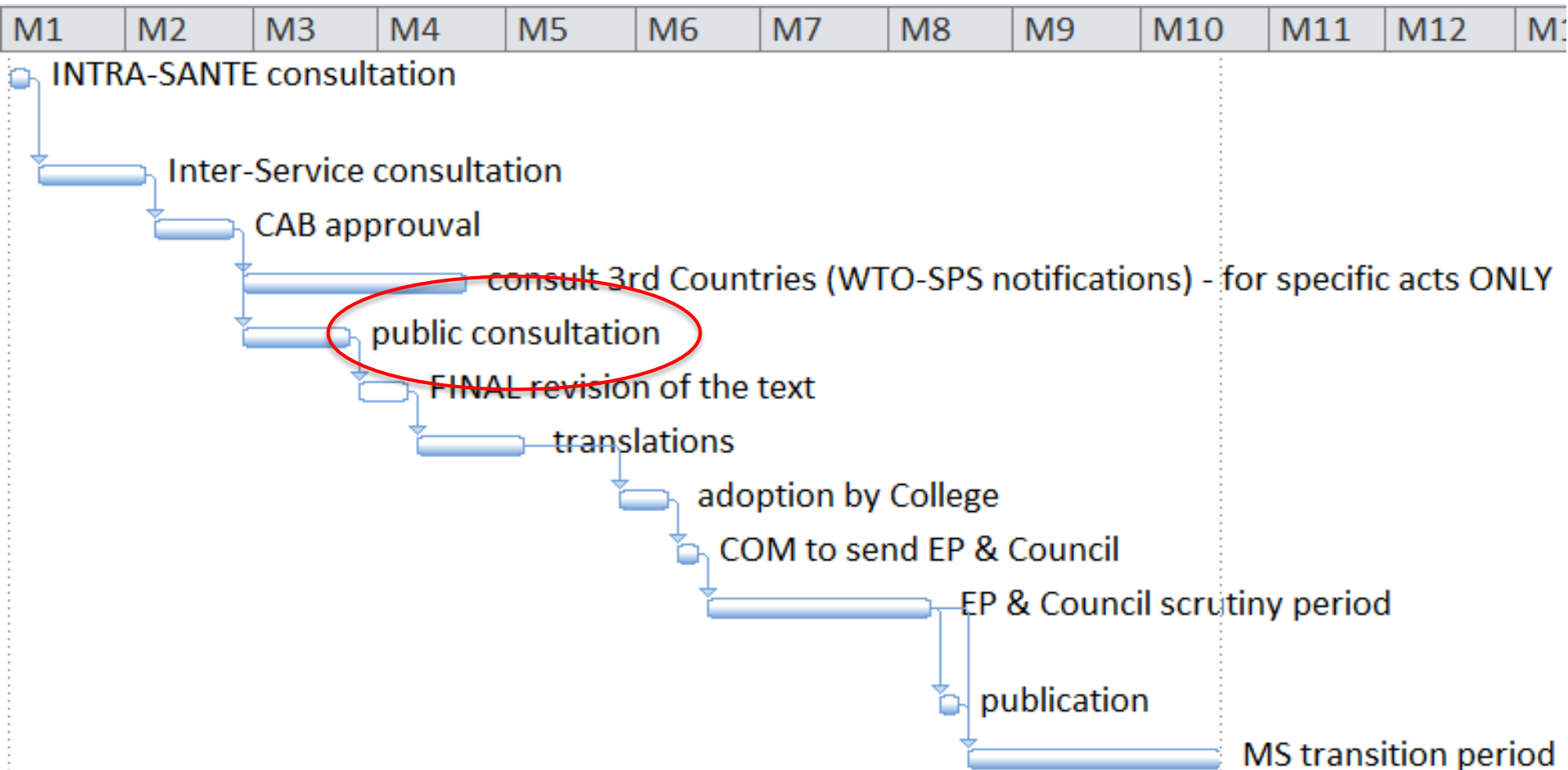
Delegated Act (DA)



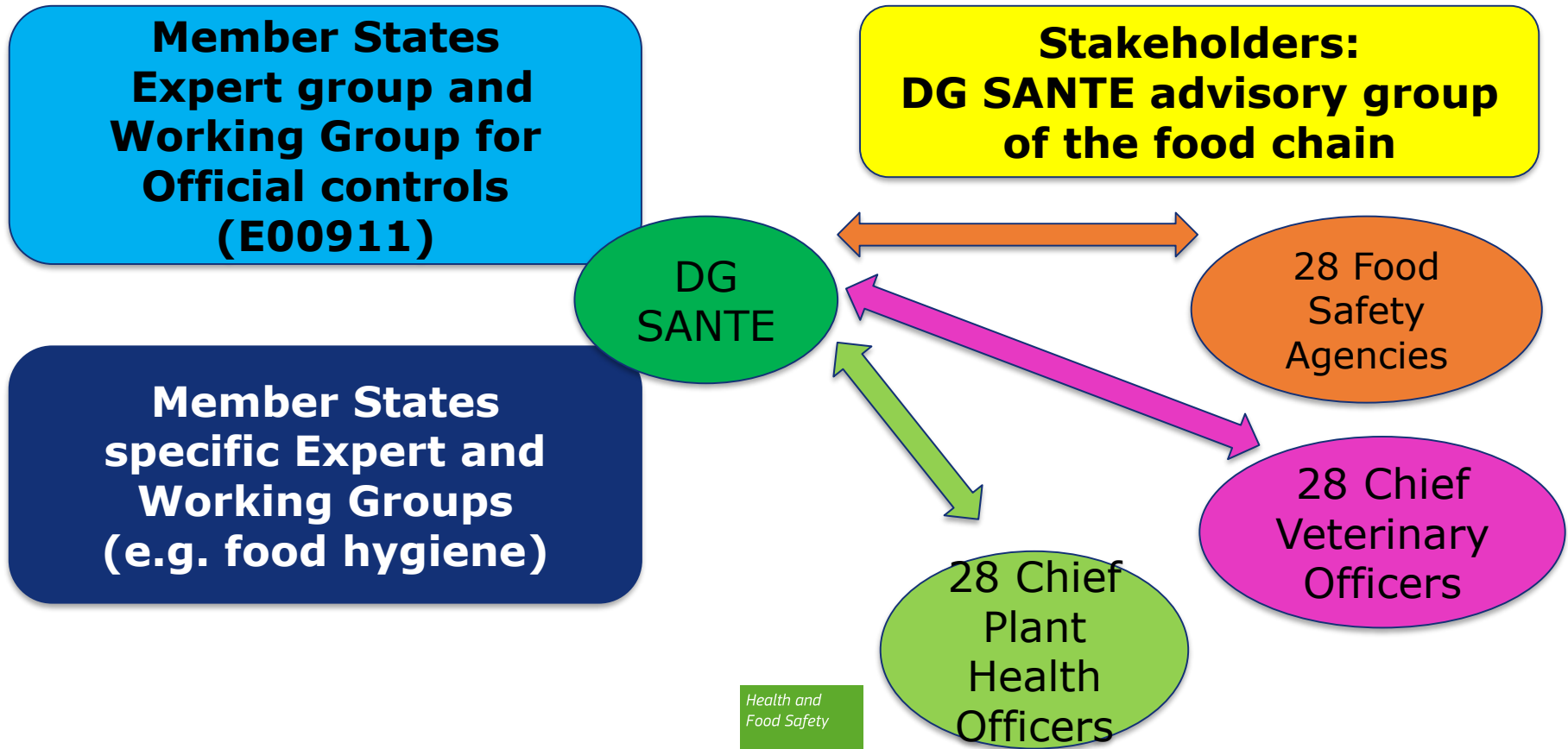


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Example of COM actions, following the agreement on the text of a delegated act in the expert group



Consultations with whom?



Legislative timeline for OCR 625/2017:

- **End 2018:** designation of 5 EU Reference Laboratories on plant health;
- **14 December 2019: application date** of Reg. 625/2017 for most of the provisions – deadline to deliver the priority projects of tertiary legislation
 - **15 delegated acts**
 - **21 implementing acts**



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ALL TOPICS

Official controls are carried out by the competent authorities in the Member States to verify business compliance with the requirements set out in agri-food chain legislation.

The agri-food chain encompasses activities preceding and comprising the production of food, i.e. from farm to fork, stable to table). It ranges from plants and animal production, to food manufacturing and supply; including activities that take place at the farm level, but also processing and distribution to the consumer. Agri-food chain rules therefore cover the safety and quality of food and feed, plant health, animal health and welfare. They also cover import controls on animals and goods entering the EU from third countries (i.e. countries outside the EU).

EU Member States are responsible for the enforcement of agri-food chain legislation. Competent authorities organise official controls systems on their territory to verify that operators' activities and goods placed on the EU market (either EU produced or imported from non-EU countries) comply with relevant standards and requirements. All **business operators must ensure compliance** with EU agri-food chain requirements in their daily activities. They are subject to official controls irrespective of their size, depending on the risk posed by different activities to the safety of the agri-food chain.

The role of the EU is to assure that the control systems at national level are effective. This is the task of **Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)**, through its **Health and Food Audits and Analysis Directorate** (previously called "Food and Veterinary Office" - FVO). It carries out inspections in EU Member States and in non-EU countries exporting to the EU to evaluate compliance with EU standards.

RELATED LINKS

- DG Health and Food Safety (audits and analysis directorate)
- Trade Control and Export System (TRACES)
- Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Regulation (EU) 2017/625
- Regulation (EC) N° 853/2004

QUICK LINKS

- Rapid Alert for Food and Feed (RASFF)
- Health and food audits and analysis
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/official_controls/legislation_en

Expert & working groups with EU Member States

https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/official_controls/expert_working_groups_en

Work-plan of the tertiary legislation

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/official-controls_expert-group_20171027_pres02.pdf

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