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Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants  
Unit G.4 Official controls

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

Tuesday 5 December 2023, **10H00 – 12H00**  
Skype call

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G4

**WORKING GROUP**

<b>1</b>	<b>10:00 –11:00</b>	Updates on <b>ongoing work on CHED-N</b>	The Commission updated the Member States on the exchanges with the Legal Service of the Commission in the framework of the interservice consultation for this initiative. It confirmed that work on an implementing act amending the IMSOC Regulation is likely to be discontinued, considering the lack of legal basis to establish a new CHED format for commodities to which Article 47 OCR does not apply. The initiative is likely to focus on a Delegated Act under Article 45(4) OCR to establish the cases where and the conditions under which competent authorities may request operators to notify the arrival of certain goods entering the Union. ing The Commission provided an update on the ongoing work on a draft Delegated Act and Implementing Act under the Single Window Environment for Customs Regulation, including on the requirements that are envisaged in order to ensure the CERTEX interconnection of the notification of arrival to be established under Article 45(4) OCR.
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2	11:00-11:30	Update on <b>fees for enforcement action</b>	<p>The Commission presented the main conclusions drawn from the feedback of 16 Member States on the collection of fees for enforcement actions.</p> <p>Based on the national acts provided by the Member States, the Commission expressed its considerations in relation to the implementation of Chapter VI of Title II of the OCR. More specifically, the Commission explained to the Member States the provisions of Article 79 of the OCR, which allows for a combination of standard fees and calculated fees, only between different categories of consignments or activities listed in Annex IV of the OCR.</p> <p>The Commission reminded the Member States of the clarifications given on the subject in the published OCR guidance and invited them to communicate their views and needs in relation to a possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amendment of the OCR guidance on fees;</li> <li>• addition of new parts in the OCR guidance regarding fees for enforcement actions.</li> </ul>
3	11:30-12:00	Updates on <b>border checks on organic products</b>	<p>The Commission outlined its intentions for a series of audits in 2024/2025 on the implementation of rules on organic border checks and provided clarifications in relation to Member States' questions about the organisation of those audits. The Commission also provided a presentation on ongoing reflections to fine-tune certain aspects of those rules, in the light of experience with their application. Further information would be provided in future meetings of experts for official controls and for organic legislation.</p>