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

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

Tuesday 30 May 2023, **12H30 – 13H00**

Skype call

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G4

EXPERT GROUP (Council and EP not represented)

1	12:30-12:45	<p>New Health Document – exchange of views on a draft Commission Delegated Regulation</p> <p>Common Entry</p>	<p>The Commission presented a draft Delegated Regulation on cases where and conditions under which competent authorities may request operators to notify the arrival of certain goods subject to Articles 44 to 46 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR), in accordance with Article 45(4) of the OCR. The Commission explained that this draft is part of a CHED-N package composed also of a draft Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 (IMSOC Regulation) to establish a specific CHED format (CHED-N) for certain categories of goods subject to Articles 44 to 46 of OCR and rules for its presentation and use, discussed in parallel in the OCR working group. In parallel, regulatory work will be carried out by DG TAXUD in order to provide a legal basis for the interconnection of CHED-N with EU CSW-CERTEX.</p> <p>The Commission presented in detail the legal basis of the draft, the provisions on the scope of CHED-N (also in relation to the use of CHED-P, CHED-PP and CHED-D), the conditions for the notification of arrival, in particular the use of the CHED in IMSOC by operators and competent authorities at border control posts (BCPs), and the deferred date of application in view of EU CSW-CERTEX interconnection.</p> <p>The Commission confirmed that national rules or other arrangements at national level are necessary in order to identify the commodities subject to notification of arrival at BCPs and to provide for time limits for said notification. The Commission clarified that the draft Regulation is intended to apply solely to products intended to be placed on the Union market and that the workflow in TRACES will block transfer to control points or onward transportation facilities located in a Member State other than the Member State where the BCP is located. Upon request from one Member State, the Commission indicated that it will assess whether it is appropriate to provide for the use of CHED-N for plant protection products in transit.</p> <p>The Commission invited the Member States to provide written</p>
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			comments on the draft by 15/06/23.
2	12:45-12:55	<p>Article 50(4): exchange of views on a draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1602 as regards quantity management at the stage of inward processing</p>	<p>The Commission presented a draft Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1602 as regards the cases where customs authorities are required to deduct the quantities stated in the customs declaration from the total allowed quantity declared in the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) ('quantity management'). To simplify the handling of consignments by customs authorities it is proposed to remove the obligation for customs authorities to carry out quantity management at the stage of inward processing and to move this verification at the stage of release for free circulation. Further, the customs procedure of outward processing does not apply to consignments intended to be placed on the Union market subject to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1602. Therefore, it is proposed to remove the obligation to carry out quantity management at the stage of that procedure.</p> <p>Several Member States indicated that they will provide feedback after consulting their respective customs authorities. One Member State indicated that the date of application of 1 March 2023 for quantity management via IMSOC foreseen in the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1602 should be deferred as to be aligned with the date of application of the interconnection of CHED types with the EU CSW-CERTEX. The Commission indicated that TAXUD services will be consulted on this point.</p> <p>The Commission invited the Member States to provide written comments on the draft by 15/06/23.</p>
3	12:55-13:00	<p>Information on the preparation of amendments to delegated acts under the OCR</p>	<p>The Commission presented an update on the draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/630 regarding the exemption of certain composite products from official controls at border control posts.</p>