



**Minutes from the Experts Group meeting with Member States**

**"Official Controls on animals and goods (including plants) entering the EU:  
Delegated acts under Regulation EU 2017/625"**

Tuesday 29 January 2019, 11H30 – 13H00

**Chair:** Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G3, European Commission (COM)

**Members:** EU Member States (MS): AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, HR, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, SE, SI, SK, UK

	TOPIC	BACKGROUND
1	<p><b>Art 53.1.a + Art 53.1.e: (Delegated act) Identity and physical checks at control points other than border control posts (PCPs) and documentary checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects performed at distance from BCPs</b></p> <p>COM presented a revised draft, which in addition to rules concerning identity and physical checks performed on certain categories of goods at control points previously discussed with MSs, set out requirements for documentary checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects to be performed at distance from BCPs.</p> <p>The proposed rules on identity and physical checks were overall well received. The main concern came from a MS in relation to transport requirements of plants and plant products from the BCP to the control point. In that respect, the COM indicated that, bearing in mind phytosanitary risks, it would consider the possibility to provide some exceptions.</p> <p>The COM, in illustrating the proposed rules for documentary checks, made the point that the conditions to allow documentary checks to be performed away from the BCP needed further specification. To that regard, the COM asked MSs to provide additional information about current practices to further consider the adequacy of those conditions.</p> <p>MSs were invited to submit comments by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
2	<p><b>Art 50.4: CHED – Presentation of the state of play</b></p> <p>COM informed the MS about the document being passed through Inter-Service Consultation among the Commission services concerned. This has resulted in one substantial modification of the draft Regulation: The introduction of a transitional period for the rules on quantity management of split consignments, as the customs' CERTEX system will not be operational by 14 December 2019. The next step would be to submit the draft Regulation to public feedback, before its adoption.</p>	
3	<p><b>Art 48 + Art 77.1.abk: Derogations from BCP Controls + Specific</b></p>	

	<b>Controls – presentation of the state of play</b>  COM informed the MS about the document being reviewed by Legal Service and that the details and comments shall be discussed further during the meeting in February.	
	<b>Conclusion, end of the meeting</b>	