



Official Controls Regulation

State of play

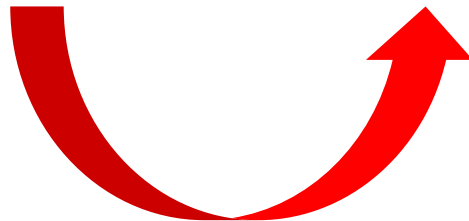
**Animal Health Advisory Committee
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Entry into force and application

**Entry into
force:
29 April
2017**

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





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Empowerments

(Main target date: 14/12/2019)



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Delegated and implementing acts

EMPOWERMENTS are given to the Commission to ensure the implementation of the Regulation through...



**Implementing Acts (IA):
HOW?**

**(Uniform conditions for
implementation)**

**Delegated Acts (DA):
WHAT?**

**(Supplement or amend
non-essential elements)**



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<i>Unit in charge</i>	<i>Topics</i>									
	Certification for ship suppliers	List of animals and goods, with CN codes	Additional categories (composite products, hay and straw)	Animals and goods exempted from BCP controls	Training of BCP staff	CHED as an accompanying document	Transit, transhipment and onward transportation	Derogation from rules on documentary checks for plants in transit or transhipment	Details of checks performed at BCPs	Controls performed elsewhere than BCPs; controls by customs
G.3	Frequency of identity and physical checks at BCPs	Prior notification	Listing of BCPs	Derogation from certain BCP requirements	BCP facilities	Intensified controls	Specific official controls and measures in cases of non-compliance	Monitoring of consignments from BCP to destination	Cases and conditions where competent authorities may request prior notification by operators	



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Unit in charge*	Topics				
D.2	Temporary measures on entry into the Union of certain goods				
E.2	Control programmes and reports on VMP	Measures in case of non-compliances related to VMPs		Import conditions for third countries for controls of VMP and pesticides residues and contaminants	
E.4	National control programs on pesticide residues				
F.6	Establishing standard model forms for the submission of the annual report on the operation of their multi-annual national control plan by MS		Establishing the (multi-)annual programme of controls carried out by Commission experts in the MS		
G.1	Minimum frequencies for plant health controls	Establishment of EURL		Designation of the 5 EURLs	
G.2	Specific animal health controls		Designation of an EU Reference Centre For Animal Welfare		
G.4	Meat inspection	Meat inspection practice	Model certificates for entry into the Union	Conditions to be respected by certain food entering the Union	Laying down lists of third countries allowed to enter products of animal origin on the Union market
G.5	Administrative Assistance and Cooperation	Rules for rapid exchange of information (AAC)	The functioning of the IMSOC	Exchange of information between authorities	Format of the CHED



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Sector specific rules

Article 18: Meat inspections (DA + IA)

- Definition of “small establishment”.
- Adopted by COM on 8 February (DA) and 15 March 2019 (IA).
- Published in OJ on 17 May 2019:

Regulation 2019/624 and **Regulation 2019/627**



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Entry into the Union

Ongoing



Article 47(2)a: List of animals and goods, CN codes (IA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Informal discussions with MS concluded.
- Currently in Inter-Service Consultation (composite products).
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully launched in June.

Article 47(3): Composite products, hay and straw (DA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Adopted by COM on 14 January 2019.
- Published in OJ on 25 March 2019:

Regulation 2019/478

- *Current import conditions apply until 21/04/2021.*

Ongoing



Article 48: Derogations from BCP controls (DA) + Article 77.1.a,b and k: Specific controls (DA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Informal discussions with MS concluded.
- Currently in Inter-Service Consultation.
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully launched in June.

Article 50.4: CHED accompanying consignments (DA)

- Public feedback ended in March (suggestion to disseminate more information on the practical use of the IMSOC, in particular as regards the CHED).
- Change in substance: Electronic quantity management (IMSOC-CERTEX) only from 2023.
- Adopted by COM on 23 April 2019.
- Awaiting scrutiny by EP and Council.

Ongoing



Article 51(1): Transit and transshipment (DA)

- No changes in substance since last year (but in addition, model certificate for ship supply, including NATO bases are established under Art 77.3).
- Currently in Inter-Service Consultation.
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully launched in June.

Ongoing



Article 52: Details of BCP checks (IA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- In final stage of discussion with MS experts (29 May).
- Public feedback mechanism launched after the summer.

Ongoing



Article 54(3): Frequencies of physical and identity checks at BCPs (IA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- In final stage of discussion with MS experts (29 May).
- Public feedback mechanism launched after the summer.

Article 58b: Minimum time for prior notification (IA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Voted in PAFF on 26 February.
- Adopted by COM on 16 April 2019.
- Soon to be published in OJ (+ Art 62.3, 64.2, 64.5).

Article 62(3), 64(2) and 64(5): BCP designation (DA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Public feedback period ended in February (no comments).
- Adopted by COM on 12 March 2019.
- Soon to be published in OJ (+ IA under Art 58b).

Article 64.4 and 60.2: BCP facilities + listing (IA)

- “Technical vote” in PAFF and public feedback (many comments); change in substance:

The facilities may be used for the performance of official controls and other official activities on consignments of animals intended for export from the Union or which are moved between MS after passing through a third country, provided that the CAs:

- conduct a **risk assessment** of the BCPs demonstrating how the avoidance of cross-contamination can be ensured and they implement the measures identified in the risk assessment for the prevention of such cross-contamination; and
 - ensure a **time separation** between the handling of consignments of such animals and any other consignments of animals entering the Union. During the period resulting from the time separation the facilities used for the handling of consignments of animals shall be cleaned and disinfected.
- Voted in PAFF on 11 April; currently being translated; adoption expected in June 2019.

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Article 65.6: Intensified controls (IA)

- Further discussion with stakeholders and MS: Maximum weight limit (300 tons) introduced ("10+10 rule").
- Currently in Inter-Service Consultation.
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully launched in June.

Ongoing



Article 77(1)h: Re-entry into the Union (DA)

- No changes in substance since last year.
- Informal discussions with MS concluded.
- Draft act in final stage after Inter-Service Consultation.
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully launched soon.

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Article 77(2): Monitoring transport and arrival of consignments (DA)

- Change in substance: Live animals no longer covered (act to be amended in 2021 if needed).
- Public feedback ended (no comments).
- Currently being translated; adoption expected in June.

Article 90: Model official certificates (IA)

- Including for insects, reptile meat and composite products.
- Adopted by COM on 8 April 2019.
- Published in OJ on 17 May 2019:

Regulation 2019/628

Article 126: Import conditions for food (DA) + Article 127: List of third countries (IA)

- DA includes composite products (“shelf-stable or not”).
- Adopted by COM on 4 and 5 March 2019.
- Published in OJ on 17 May 2019:

Regulation 2019/625 and Regulation 2019/626

Ongoing



Article 134 (etc.): IMSOC (IA)

- Consultation with EDPS completed.
- Presentation in PAFF for discussion (animal health on 11 April, plant health on 25-26 April and 23 May).
- Public feedback mechanism hopefully to be launched soon.
- Plan to vote in June or July.



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UPCOMING OCR MEETINGS (on entry into the Union)

- 28 May – OCR stakeholders' meeting
- 29 May – OCR meeting with MS

+ OCR conference in Brussels on 13 December 2019



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Stakeholders' feedback procedures

- Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback along the policy cycle.
- Structured feedback can be received for draft DA and IA, during a period of 4 weeks, usually:
 - once informal discussions with MS of a DA are concluded, or
 - after the vote of an IA in the standing committee (PAFF).
- Comments received will be analyzed by the Commission services before the act is finally adopted.



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See SANTE website for more information:

The screenshot shows the European Commission website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'FOOD' highlighted. Below it, a breadcrumb trail reads 'European Commission > Food Safety > Food > Official controls and enforcement'. A main navigation menu includes 'HEALTH', 'FOOD', 'ANIMALS', 'PLANTS', and 'AMR'. The 'FOOD' section is active, displaying the title 'Official controls and enforcement'. The page content includes a sidebar with links to 'Legislation on official controls', 'Import controls', 'EU Co-ordinated Control Programmes', and 'Expert Groups and Working Groups'. The main text explains that official controls are carried out by competent authorities in Member States to verify business compliance with requirements set out in agri-food chain legislation. It defines the agri-food chain as encompassing activities from production to consumption. A key point is that EU Member States are responsible for enforcement, and competent authorities must verify that operators' activities and goods comply with EU standards. The role of the EU is to ensure national control systems are effective. The Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) is responsible, specifically its Health and Food Audits and Analysis Directorate (previously FVO). The page also features a 'RELATED LINKS' section with links to DG Health and Food Safety, TRACES, and RASFF, and a 'QUICK LINKS' section with links to RASFF, health and food audits, and EFSA.

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