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Crisis management in food, animals and plants
Unit G.3 Official controls

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

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit

Tuesday 29 March 2022, **9H30 – 12H00**
Skype call

WORKING GROUP

1	9:30 – 10:00	Article 47: Implementation of official controls on organics	The Commission presented the state of play. It clarified that the interservice consultation for the Questions&Answers document for its adoption as an interpretative guidance would be launched shortly. It also addressed issues regarding the implementation in TRACES of the blocking rules related to the link COI-CHED. It also informed that in the absence of action taken by two concerned Member States in relation to BCP designation and PRFCs registration in TRACES it is envisaged to deactivate in TRACES the ‘old BCPs and points of entry’ by mid-April.
2	10:00– 10:20	Guidance on several provisions of the OCR	The Commission presented an updated version of the draft guidance document. Pending a few corrections, the adoption procedure will be initiated with the current contents of the document. In the meantime, additional topics to be included in future updates of the guidance document will be discussed in the Working Group.
3	10:20– 10:50	Article 70: application of Articles 66, 67 and 68	The Commission presented an updated version of the draft implementing act on Article 70. The requests to include further situations of non-compliance or risk in the draft will be discussed with technical units within SANTE.
4	10:50– 10:55	Update on EU survey on official laboratories	The Commission gave a brief update on the classification of laboratories to be used for the purpose of implementing a database of official laboratories. Member States are kindly asked to provide their feedback as soon as possible. The database will be activated shortly after the

			meeting.
5	10:55 – 11:10	Article 37 et al.: subcontracting by EURLs, NRLs and official laboratories of certain DNA sequencing activities to specialised companies	The Commission presented results of the feedback from Member States regarding their position on subcontracting DNA sequencing activities. The majority position provided will be included in OCR guidance.
6	11:10 – 11:25	Updates on: Article 47(2): amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 - list of goods with CN codes Articles 48/77 – amendment to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630	The Commission presented further changes related to the amendment of Reg. 2021/632. In particular, two new CN codes were introduced as regards composite products and animal by-products. On 28 March 2022 the already adopted amendment to Regulation (EU) 2021/630 was distributed to Member States for information.
7	11:25- 12:00	Digitalisation of the food chain – exchange of views	The Commission presented the document prepared by the SI Presidency, and invited Member States for reflection and discussion in future meetings.