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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)"**

Tuesday 25 January 2022, **9H30 – 12H00**

Skype call

Chair: Tim Gumbel, Deputy Head of Unit G3

**WORKING GROUP**

1	9:30 – 10:00	<b>Article 47:</b> Implementation of official controls on organics	The Commission presented the state of play including in relation to designation and registration in TRACESs of BCPs with organic domain and of points of release for free circulation and the Q&A document. The developments in TRACES for box 10 of the COI, including where issued before 1 January 2022 were mentioned and the TRACES team informed of ongoing work to provide SPS authorities with users' rights to access the COIs linked to CHEDs.
2	10:00– 10:30	<b>Guidance</b> on several provisions of the OCR	The Commission presented an updated draft of the guidance document on the OCR. Member States were invited to provide written feedback on the draft. While the document shall be reviewed regularly in the future, the Commission will aim for a formal adoption on the basis of the current elements contained in the draft. As the document contains legal interpretations, the process of adoption requires the formal consultation of other Commission services and approval by the College of Commissioners.

3	10:30– 11:00	<b>Article 70:</b> application of Articles 66, 67 and 68	The Commission presented an updated draft implementing act. Member States were invited to provide written feedback on the draft.
4	11:00 – 11:15	<b>Article 37 et al.:</b> subcontracting by EURLs, NRLs and official laboratories of certain DNA sequencing activities to specialised companies	The Commission presented its views on options available in the OCR with regard subcontracting certain sequencing activities to specialised companies. Member States were invited to provide written feedback.
5	11:15 – 11:30	<b>Article 37:</b> information on the state of play on the “EU survey” on laboratories	The Commission reported on the state of play for this initiative to provide a platform for exchanging information on official laboratories among Member States. Member States were invited to provide feedback on the presented structure of classification of laboratories according to their areas/domains of activities.
6	11:30– 12:00	<b>Article 47(2):</b> amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 - list of goods with CN codes	The Commission presented further changes related to the amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632, in particular, new CN codes introduced for composite products and products of animal origin and scope defined for import controls of processed beewaxes.