



**Minutes from the Expert Sub-Group meeting with Member States
"Official Controls on animals and goods (including plants) entering the EU:
Delegated acts under Regulation EU 2017/625"**

Wednesday 19 December 2018, 14H00 – 18H00

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>Art 51.1 etc: Transit, transhipment etc.</p> <p>COM presented a draft delegated act.</p> <p>MS raised several points and asked for clarifications. One MS highlighted the importance of distinguishing between live animals destined to other MS and the ones directed to third countries. Moreover, some clarifications were asked regarding certain definitions and wording, such as the definition of the BCP of introduction.</p> <p>It was suggested that the 90 day period mentioned for transhipped goods should be re-adjusted. Furthermore, several MS commented on documentary controls for onward travel of animals arriving by sea or air and staying in the same means of transport, indicating that the risk varies depending on the animals. Some more clarifications were asked regarding the reference to separate storage rooms as referred to in Art. 11(2) (d), and it was mentioned that the warehouses under this Article should be specially approved warehouses. Some other comments underlined the necessity to inform the BCP of exit when the consignments leave the Union at ports.</p> <p>COM provided clarifications on all the points raised by MS and informed MS of its intention to close the informal discussion on this empowerment.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>

2	<p>Art 51.1.a + 53.1.a: Onward transportation + checks elsewhere than BCPs</p> <p>COM presented a revised draft delegated acts as regards the following points: clarification on the follow-up actions to be taken by the competent authorities in the case where a consignment does not arrive at the onward transportation facility; the addition of an obligation for operators to inform the competent authority at final destination of the arrival of the consignment at the onward transportation facility; conditions for transporting and storing plants, plant products without causing infestation to other plants, plant products; requirements concerning documents which must accompany the consignments to the control points.</p> <p>COM informed MSs of its intention to close the informal discussion on this empowerment and welcomed any written comments by 4 January 2019.</p>	<p>Draft document shared with Member States ahead of the meeting</p>
	<p>Conclusion, end of the meeting</p>	