



Guidance Note on Regulation (EU) 2017/625

Official controls in the agri-food chain

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a harmonised framework for the organisation of official controls along the entire agri-food chain

since
12/2019

Official Controls Regulation (OCR)

2017/625

food
&
FCM

feed

GMOs

animal
health

animal
welfare

animal by-
products

plant
protection
products

plant health

organics

PDO, PGI,
TSG

OCR guidance note - concept

compile clarifications and practical advice into **single, comprehensive guidance document**



- covering basic act, delegated and implementing acts
- merge existing guidance documents where appropriate

target group:
Member States and stakeholders

draft OCR guidance – content



Article 2	Official controls and other official activities
Articles 28-33	Delegation of tasks
Article 34	Methods used for sampling, analysis, tests and diagnosis
Article 35	Second expert opinion example
Articles 37-42	Official laboratories
Articles 59-64	Border control posts
Articles 78-85	Financing of controls
Articles 92-101	Reference laboratories

example: Article 35 – second expert opinion



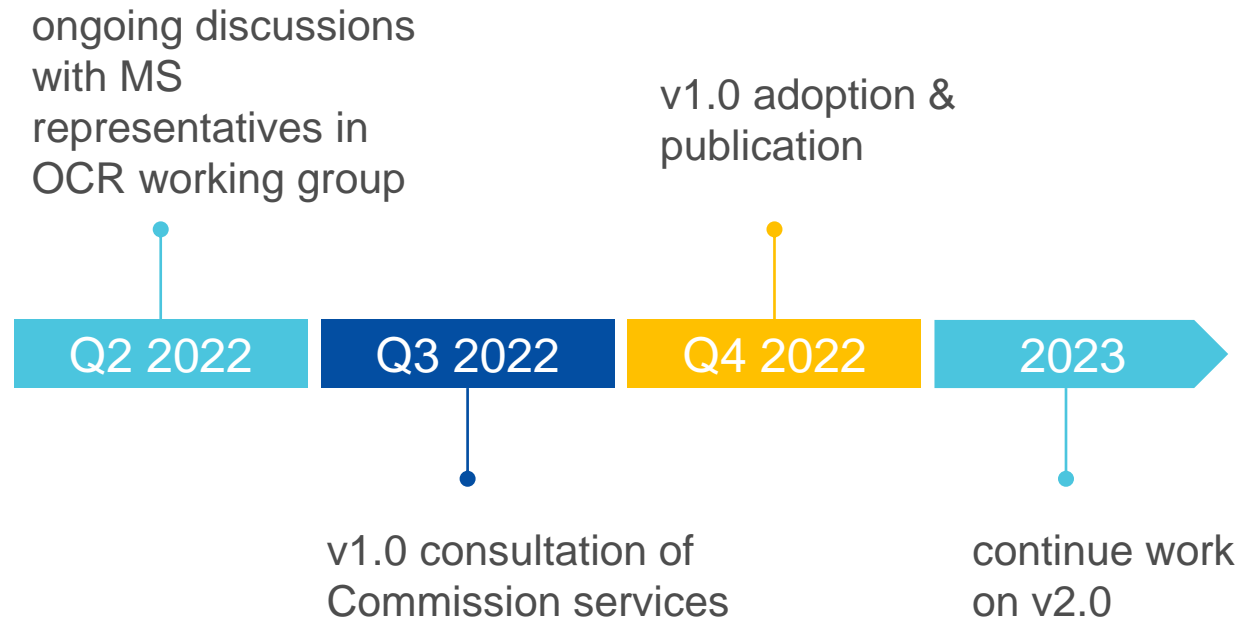
- right for operator to review documentation of control
 - right for operator to obtain part of official sample for counter-analysis
- provides for sound factual basis for right to appeal of operator



Frequently asked questions:

- which operator has right to second expert opinion?
- second sample/analysis also for distance sellers?
- second sample only where „relevant, appropriate and technically feasible“?

OCR guidance - roadmap





Thank you