

Project: Technical assistance to improve implementation of food safety standards and disease crisis preparedness

Consultation exercise:

Trainings on EU requirements for import and trade of animal products

Computer-based exercises on trade specific applications

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Purpose of this training



- Overview of the principles of import control

 Be aware it is more complex and elaborated than explained now
- Focused on food products of animal origin
- Informs how it is organised in the EU
- Gives an idea of the work to be done to set up a similar system

Three days in total

Purpose of today's session



- Provide FBOs, importers, other traders of food of animal origin and feed with:
- basic understanding of EU Border Controls
- demonstration of the TRADE SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS USED



PRINCIPLES of import and trade related requirements and certification of animal products



- In general interest
- By 'officials'
- Legally binding
- Consequences if legal acts are not respected
- Precautionary principle
- Different rules for food Products of Animal Origin (POAO)



Importance of import controls



- European Union is a major importer of food and feed.
- Strict import rules for food and feed hygiene, consumer safety and animal health status aim at assuring that all imports fulfil the same high standards as products from the EU itself.
- Import controls are crucial in verifying compliance of food and feed products with relevant requirements.
- Current approach to import controls varies according to the sector.
- EU has laid down in the Union legislation specific import conditions



EU territory

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- Protection for WHOLE territory and citizens
- Exclusions
- Influence on controls
 - Direct import
 - Transits
 - Partial Controls at destination





WHY veterinary 'control' on the border



- Key factor to ensure that
 - the live animals and
 - animal products entering to the European Union are
 - > safe and meeting the <u>specific import conditions</u> laid down in the Union legislation. _____
- Imported live animals and animal products can transmit serious human and animal diseases.
- Therefore, it is necessary to subject them to specific controls at their point of entry, so called <u>Border 'Control'</u>
 <u>PostsSearch for available translations of the preceding linkEN•••</u> (BCPs).



Impact of food hygiene legislation on import and trade









How are imports organised?



- A consignment of live animals or animal products can only enter into the EU, if it has satisfactorily undergone the specific checks and a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) is issued from TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System) EN • •.
- TRACES is a centralised database which allows the monitoring of consignments of live animals and animal products checked at the BCPs.
- TRACES may automatically exchange data on import controls with customs authorities, which has enabled DG TAXUD and DG SANTE to develop an EU Single Window project.
- Related links
- 'Official controls' on Imported Products
- Search for available translations of the preceding linkEN



Contact details of BCPs - veterinary (europa.eu)



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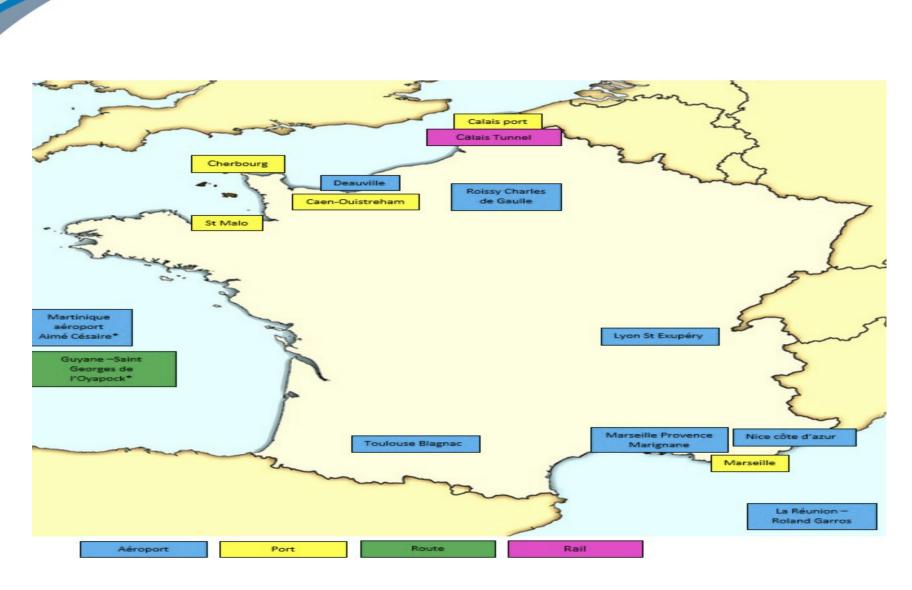
EU countries

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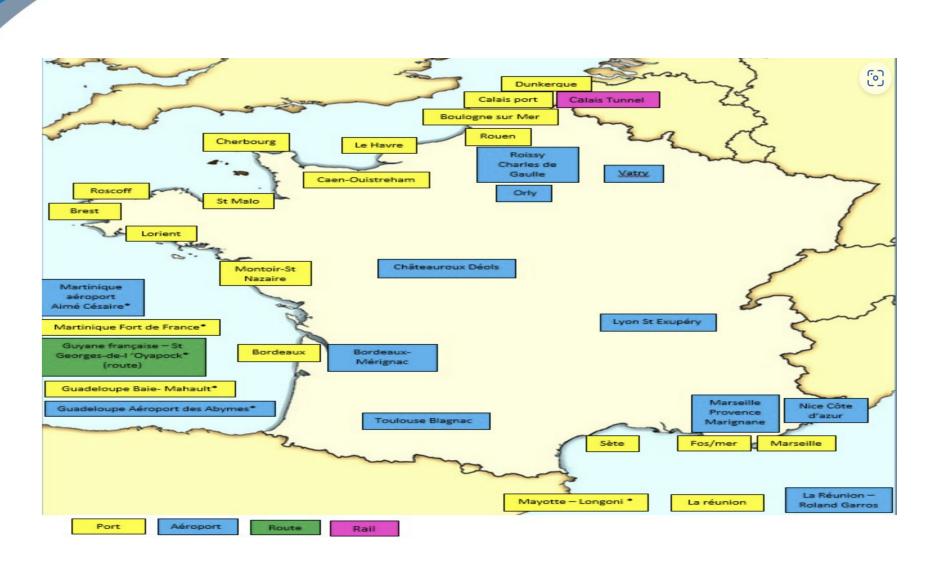
FRANCE: BCP for live animals





FRANCE: BCP for Food of animal origin





Import controls at the BCPs



- A 'control' system is required to be in place to ensure that consignments of SPS goods are subject to mandatory import controls at the BCP.
- An effective import controls system requires cooperation:
 - within and between local bodies
 - with Customs and Border Police
 - with port and airport bodies, and
 - with other bodies, as applicable.



The connection between Customs and veterinary legal text:









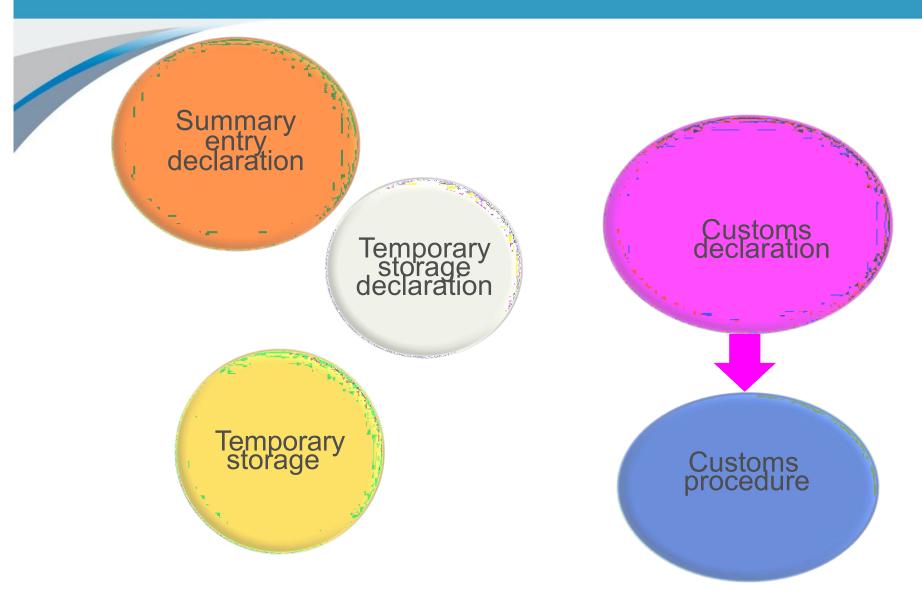
Art. 134 Union Customs Codex (UCC):

1. Goods brought into the customs territory of the Union shall, from the time of their entry, be subject to customs supervision and may be subject to customs controls. Where applicable, they shall be subject to such prohibitions and restrictions as are justified on grounds of, inter alia, public morality, public policy or public security, the protection of the health and life of humans, animals or plants, the protection of the environment, ...



CUSTOMS: Important terms







Requirements Regulation (EC) 852/2004 Annex II



- 1. TRANSPORT
- 2. PACKING
- 3. LABELING
- 4. HEALTH MARKING
- 5. DOCUMENTATION





'Official' controls at border



- Documentary check
- Identity check
- Physical check
- Additional checks e.g.
 - Laboratory test: microbiological, residue, composition, species identification

ALL LEGALLY DETERMINED



TOOLS THAT HELP



- Lists of approved countries and commodities
- Lists of forbidden products and animals
- Lists of approved establishments
- Models of certificates to be used
- History of imports and refusals
- Health and fraud Alerts

ALL AVAILABLE IN INTERLINKED ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS



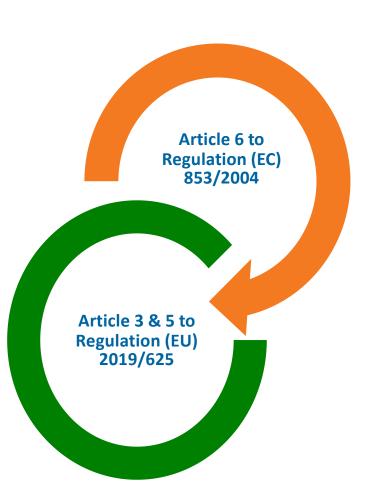
'Official' certification



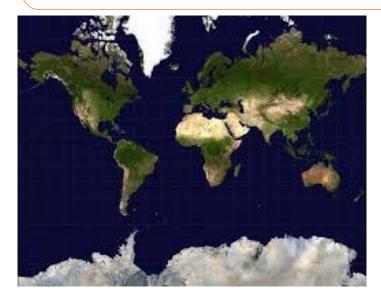
- Determined in Commission implementing Regulation EU 2020/2235
 - Rules regarding animal health certificates CONSUMPTION
 - For import and movement within EU
 - Models for all different commodities INTENDED FOR HUMAN
 - Available in all EU languages
 - Standardised
 - Available in Traces (blank and used for real imports)
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 - https://d.docs.live.net/155aee45e4434af1/Documents/WORK/N-CYPRUS/Training%20BCP/Certificate%20MILK.docx
 - <u>EUR-Lex 32020R2235 EN EUR-Lex (europa.eu)</u>







- > Authorized country
- >Approved establishment







Third Country Establishments List per Section

Food

Section I: Meat of domestic ungulates

Section II: Meat from poultry and lagomorphs

Section III: Meat of farmed game

Section IV: Wild game meat

Section V: Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat

(MSM)

Section VI : Neat products

Section VII: Live bivalve melluscs

Section VIII: Fishery products

Section IX: raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based

Section X : Edgs and egg products

Section XI: Frogs' legs and snails

Section XII: Rendered animal fats and greaves

Section XIII: Treated stomachs, bladders and intestines: casing only

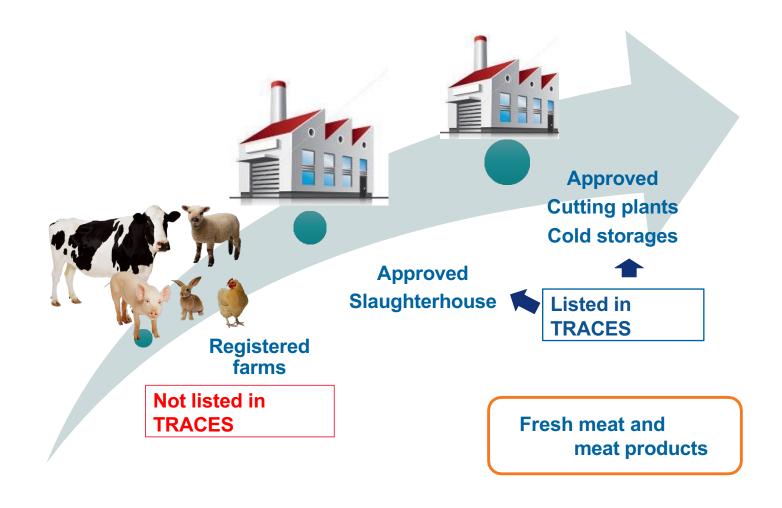
Section XIV : Gelatine Section XV : Collagen

Introduction

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Sections according to Annex III of Regulation (EC) 853/2004









Registered fishing vessels & fish farms



Not listed in TRACES

Establishments handling fishery products

Approved factory vessels (FV) & freezer vessels (ZV)



Listed in TRACES

Approved reefer vessels



Listed in TRACES

Approved processing plants or cold stores





Physical check



CVED in box 36

Box 36. appropriate

Reasons for refusal: For use as relevant information. Tick the appropriate box. Item 7 is for hygiene failure not by 8 or 9, including covered temperature control irregularities, putrefaction or dirty products.

- 1. Absence/invalid certificate
- 2. Non approved country
- 3. Non approved establishment
- 4. Prohibited product
- 5. ID mismatch with product
- 6. ID Health mark error
- 7. Physical hygiene failure
- 8. Chemical contamination
- 9. Microbiological contamination
- 10. Other

X
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Physical check



Classic TRACES

Reason for Refusal

- Absence/Invalid certificate
- 2. Non approved country
- 3. Non approved establishment
- 4. Prohibited product
- 5. ID: Mis-match with documents
- 6. ID: Health mark error
- 7. Physical hygiene failure
- 8. Chemical contamination
- 9. Micro biological contamination
- Other

TRACES NT

>	Documentary
>	Origin
~	Physical
	Prohibited species
	✓ Hygiene failure
	Invasive species
	Cold chain breakdown
	Temperature failure
	Sensory check failure
	Presence of parasites
>	Identity
>	Laboratory

TRACES



- TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System)
 - online management tool of the EU Commission,
 - tracks the movements of animals, food, feed and plants imported from outside the European Union, or travelling through the EU Member States.
 - 26,000 users from more than 70 countries worldwide connect to TRACES in 33 languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Should there be a problem with an animal or product, TRACES
 quickly tracks back to the original source of the problem and
 forward to the destination. This represents a major leap forward in
 monitoring animal diseases and combatting fraud, whilst
 significantly speeding up administrative procedures. TRACES:
 protecting consumers, facilitating trade.
- For more information, please see:

URL: www.ec.europa.eu/traces



TRACES



- Creation of a TRACES network
- Contact points are per functionality (CHED-A, P, PP, D etc.)
- Requirements for the issuance of electronic certificates and electronic CHEDs
- Rules for the connection with national systems (all data can be retrieved from TRACES)
- > CHEDs templates



TRACES - Animal Traceability



 The registration of farms, the allocation of a unique identification for every bovine species accompanied by an individual passport and the registration of any movement in the national databases, guarantees a full traceability of cattle movements.

• Film



TRACES - Animal Traceability Film



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- TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System) which records all the movements between Member States,
- BOVEX (Bovine Exchange) which tackles the administrative burden through the digitalisation of passports and
- ADNS (Animal Disease Notification System) which alerts all Member States in case of the outbreak of disease. Facilitating trade and protecting animals remain the objectives of the EU.





CVED



CVED.pdf



Use of TRACES



DEMONSTRATION:

- <u>Listing countries and establishments</u>
- Models of CHED, certificates
- Entries
- Status of consignment, tests, warnings
- DOCUMENTATION Home (europa.eu)

https://webgate.training.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login

CCA01.FR@ec-traces.eu
BCP01.FR@ec-traces.eu
RFC01.FR@ec-traces.eu
E001.FR@ec-traces.eu



Commercial Health Entry Document





CHED previously called CVED

Commercial Health Entry Document

- CHED-A for live animals
- CHED-P for animal products
- CHED-PP for plant products
- CHED-A for feed and food of non-animal origin





BCP Monitoring plan





BCP must have a comprehensive monitoring plan to check conformity of consignments with EU legislation or with national rules.

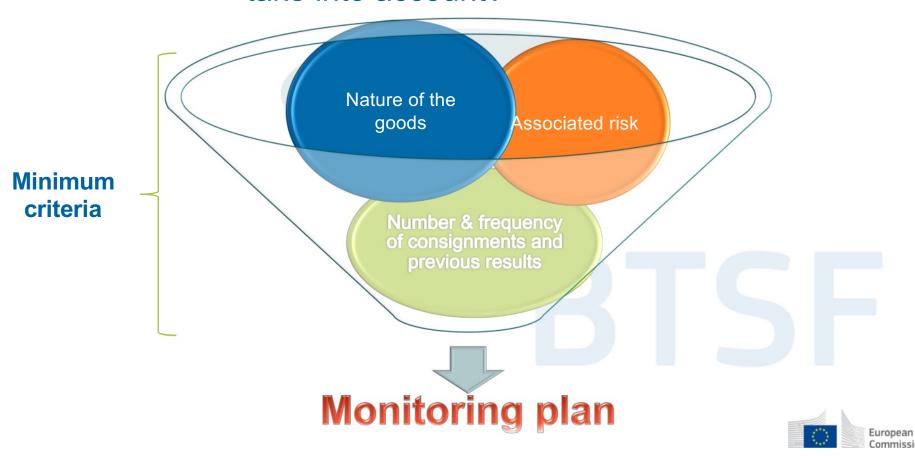
- Risk-based
- Considering history of products, producers, specific intel, investigations, priorities



BCP Monitoring plan



What should we take into account?





What is IMSOC?



- 1.Implement electronically most of the provisions of the new OCR (Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625)
- 2. Exchange between Member States & Commission of all data-documents needed to perform 'Official' Controls (Certification and eCertification)
- 3.Implement Administrative Assistance and Cooperation and unify the systems in relation to risk to human health, plant health, animal health and welfare
- 4. Provide tools to collect and manage the reports on official controls provided by Member States to the Commission
- **5.**Streamline communication to/from non-EU Countries and international organisations





What is IMSOC?

Keywords

CONSOLIDATION-EFFICIENCY

Name:

Information Management System for 'Official' Controls

Is it a new IT application?

NO!

It's a concept to allow our EU systems to exchange information and share features (and with MS systems)

Will it add further burden to activities of CAs?

NO!

It will be designed to make your life easier

Will it replace the current systems? (traces/europhyt/irasff/aac)

NO/YES

It will connect them and extend functionalities (some systems will be absorbed)

What is its purpose?

Toward a better collective controls efficiency

IMSOC scope in OCR



- a) To be established by COM, in collaboration with MSs, to manage, handle and automatically exchange data/info/doc in relation to official controls,
- b) Should integrate and upgrade existing systems, and create the necessary links between those systems and with existing national systems;
 - a) AAC system;
 - b) RASFF, ADIS and EUROPHYT.
 - C) Traces (intra, export, import of animals and goods)





IMSOC system components

IRASFF

Rapid alert system for food

ADIS

Animal Health information system

EUROPHYT

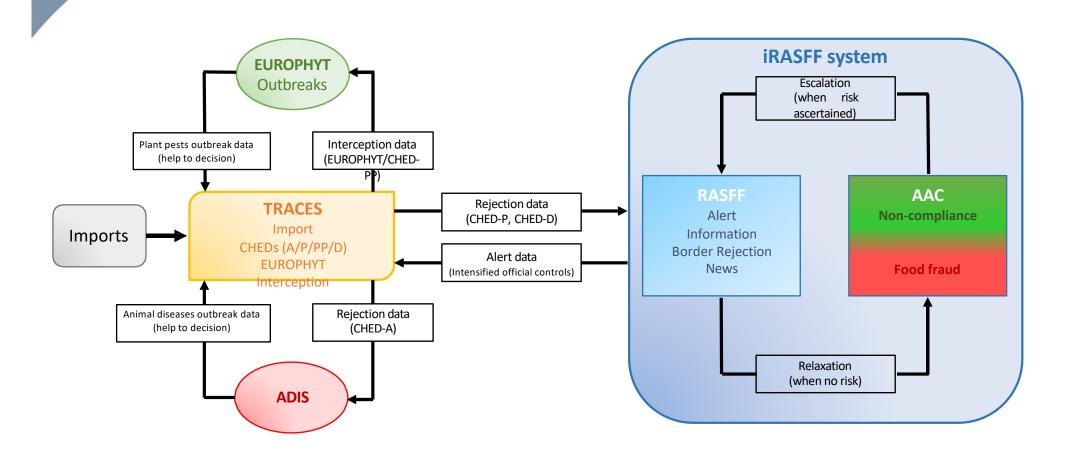
Plant info system

TRACES





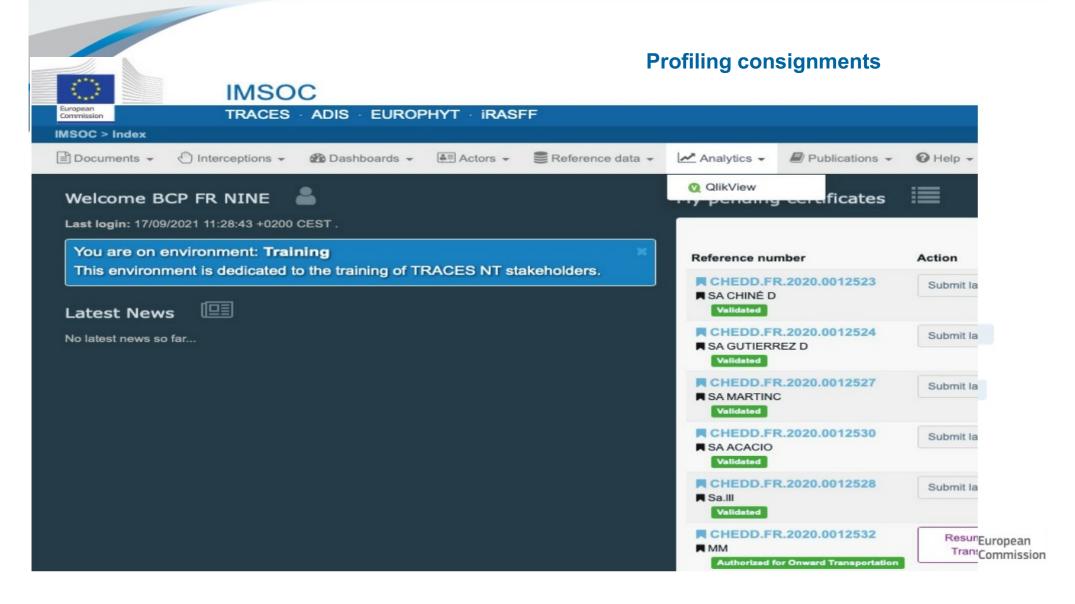
Workflow in IMSOC as of 14 December 2019





Intelligence-Useful tools







Intelligence - Useful tools



Risk assessment



13 NOTIFICATIONS

Ref. ↓	Category _↓	Type ↓	Subject √	Date ↓	Country ψ	Class. ↓	Decision ψ	
2021.3685	Milk and milk products	food	Ethylene oxide in farina di carruba usato come stabilizzante in crema di formaggio prodotto in FRANCIA/ ethylene oxide in carob flour used as stabilizer in cream cheese produced in FRANCE	12-07-2021 12:28:36	■ Italy	alert notification	undecided	Details >>
2021.2810	Honey and royal jelly	food	OXYMATRINE IN ORGANIC ACACIA HONEY FROM CHINA	01-06-2021 17:39:08	Spain	alert notification	undecided	Details >>
2021.0813	Fats and oils	food	Ethylene oxide in sesame oil from France	16-02-2021 14:13:25	■ Belgium	alert notification	serious	Details >>
2021.0093	Fats and oils	food	Chlorpyrifos in organic argan oil	08-01-2021 10:36:58	■ Belgium	information notification for attention	15 undecided	Details >>

Regulation (EU)2017/625 Article 79



Fees or charges at BCPs.

- NOT FREE
- PAYABLE BY IMPORTER

Mandatory fees or charges

Article 79, Reg.(EU)2017/625:

- "1. The competent authorities shall collect fees or charges for the official controls performed in relation to the activities referred to in Chapter II of Annex IV and on animals and goods referred to in points (a),
- (b) and (c) of Article 47(1), at border control posts or at control points referred to in point (a) of Article 53(1),..."



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