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- Interaction between AHL and OCR
- Other official activities VS Official controls
- Laboratories
- Entry in EU
- Certification
- TRACES
- Summary



OCR (Official control regulation) – Regulation (EU)

2017/625

AHL

- List of disease
- Disease categorization and species
- Disease notification, surveillance and control
- Registration and approval
- Movement within union
- Entry into union
- Etc...

OCR

- Official controls
- Delegating of task to natural and legal persons
- Laboratories
- Sampling and diagnostic
- IMSOC
- Etc...



- Article 1(2): „official controls ... for the verification of compliance with...”
- Article 1(2)(d): animal health requirements
- Article 1(5): „...shall also apply to other official activities...”
- Official controls to verify
 - Compliance by the operators with animal health requirements
 - Animals or goods meet the animal health requirements
- Other official activities:
 - anything else done by competent authorities, e.g. surveillance, disease control, eradication etc.
 - Special: granting approvals (e.g. of establishments)

Some differences between OCs and OOAs



Official controls (OCs)	Other official activities (OOAs)
General obligations	General Obligations
Right of appeal	/
Transparency	/
Written records	/
Delegation	Delegation
Access to premises	Access to premises
Second expert opinion	/
Mandatory fees and charges	/
MANCP, annual reports	/
Penalties	/
Accreditation	
Visits, sampling, analysis, diagnostic, etc.	



- Perform them regularly, on a risk basis and with appropriate frequency
- Special: controls for the issuance of official certificates
 - AHL: Article 149 + details in Delegated Regulations
- Operators, processes and activities subject to official controls, transparency, written records, methods and technics etc.
- Actions in cases of non-compliance



Additional specific rules on official controls



- On animals, products of animal origin and germinal products (Art 20)
- Empowerment for a delegated act
 - On specific official controls (e.g. in approved establishments)
 - On specific follow-up measures (e.g. to slaughter animals)
- Empowerment for an implementing act on uniform minimum frequencies
 - In approved establishments
 - For animal identification and registration checks!

Delegation of tasks



- Both official controls and other official activities can be delegated
 - To delegated bodies
 - To natural persons
- Accreditation:
 - Natural persons do not need to be accredited
 - For surveillance, delegated bodies do not need to be accredited
- Obligations of CAs:
 - audits or inspections of delegated bodies or natural persons



- Comply with Union rules establishing those
 - Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689
- In the absence of the above:
 - Internationally recognised rules or protocols (OIE) or
 - EURLs. **however** Art 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/689 prioritises websites of EURLs
- In the absence of the above:
 - Nationally recognised rules or NRLs
- In the absence of the above:
 - Official labs



- CAs may designate as official labs, official labs of other Member States
 - CA must perform their audits and inspections
- Accreditation:
 - „flexible manner”: national accreditation body
 - derogation for surveillance if...
 - temporary derogations if...

NB:

where no official laboratory is designated in the Union (Art 37(6))

EURLs and NRLs



- EURLs: for quality, uniformity and reliability of:
 - methods of analysis, tests or diagnosis employed by the official laboratories
 - the results of those analysis , tests or diagnosis
- Designation is limited in time or reviewed regularly
- Accreditation: no derogation is possible
- NRLs: Member States shall designate NRL(s) for each EURL
 - In another Member State too
 - One lab can be NRL for more Member State
 - NRLs are to collaborate with the EURL
- Accreditation: temporary
derogation is possible



Entry controls



- Animal health requirements:
 - Regulation (EU) 2020/692
 - National rules in accordance with AHL
 - Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 on list of third countries
- Control procedures: at a border control post (BCP) + CHED
- Exemptions from BCP controls (Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122)
 - personal imports (passengers' luggages or sent), pets,
 - authorisations by competent authorities: for low risk animals (non-vertebrates), samples
- Monitoring at the place of destination (Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1666)
 - For slaughterhouse, quarantine, confined establishment, pursuant to DR (EU) 2020/692
- Return of consignments (Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2074)
 - From Directive 97/78/EC: (EU) 2020/692 (AH requirements) + Regulation 2019/2074 (public health requirements and control procedures)¹

Official certification



- Designate certifying officers
- Certifying officers (OCR) + official veterinarians (AHL)
- Grounds on which to certify
- Model official certificates and more:
 - 3 Implementing Regulations:
 - (EU) 2020/2235 (FOOD),
 - (EU) 2020/2236 (AQUA),
 - (EU) 2021/403 (TERRE)
 - On dual legal basis of AHL and OCR

Certification in TRACES system



- Intra-EU certification will be via new TRACES-NT
- Transitional provisions for intra-EU certificates until mid-October
- List of establishments
 - Recent amendment to include establishments under AHL
 - MS will need to add and validate establishments

Various other links



- Legal basis for emergency measures:
 - from the 4 Directives on checks, to AHL
- Contribution to animal health surveillance:
 - Art 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/689: data from official controls
- MANCP and annual reports (vs. notification and annual reporting under AHL: CIR 2020/2002)



- Need to know both:
 - AHL + OCR (incl. their delegated and implementing acts)
- Differences:
 - between official controls and other official activities
- Rights and obligations:
 - but also flexibilities for competent authorities



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