

«CDG QUALITY AND PROMOTION »

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6. State of play of the delegated and implementing acts of the European Regulation on official controls

- Around 50 out of the 85 empowerments in the OCR have been prioritised for action (most of which related to entry into the Union).
- Progress has already been made in certain fields, for instance as regards the Animal Welfare Reference Centre where the call has been launched.
- Also as concerns slaughterhouse controls and European Reference Laboratories for Plant Health, discussions with Member States are quite advanced.
- For certain sectors however, such as GMOs, plant protection products and PDOs/PGIs/TSGs, no specific action is currently planned.
- On 27 October 2017, an OCR expert group meeting was held where Member States discussed certain empowerments related to entry into the Union. For instance, the agenda included the empowerment in Article 47.3 on border controls of composite products.
- Furthermore, at that meeting Member States were presented a detailed planning of when documents with preliminary ideas on the respective empowerments could be expected from the Commission (the big bulk of documents is to be expected in the first half of 2018).
- A similar presentation was made to stakeholders on 22 November 2017 in the frame of the SANTE Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health.
- In December 2017 and January 2018, discussions with Member States will continue as regards entry into the Union (including import conditions).
- The ambition is to organise a stakeholders meeting before the summer of 2018.