Updated Commission guidance on Official Controls Regulation

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Commission Notice on the Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Official Controls Regulation)

What is changing and why?

The Commission Notice explaining the Official Controls Regulation (OCR) has been updated to include a specific chapter on official controls of imported goods. This gives detailed explanations on the documents required, types of checks carried out, and actions that can be taken when goods are found to be non-compliant with EU law, and should help exporters to understand and prepare for official controls.

Actions

Exporters are advised to use this guidance to help them prepare for possible controls at the EU border and avoid delays or penalties. The guidance will also help decide what actions can be taken if a consignment is to be found to be non-compliant.

Timeline

There are no changes foreseen in how official controls are carried out under the Official Controls Regulation 2017/625. This guidance aims to clarify and harmonise the process.

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