

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)

## TITLE II

### **<sup>F1</sup>OFFICIAL CONTROLS AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES ...**

#### *CHAPTER II*

#### ***Official controls***

#### *Section I*

#### ***General requirements***

#### *Article 15*

#### **Obligations of operators**

1 To the extent that this is necessary for the performance of official controls or of other official activities, operators shall, where required by the competent authorities, give staff of the competent authorities access to:

- a the equipment, means of transport, premises and other places under their control and their surroundings;
- b their computerised information management systems;
- c the animals and goods under their control;
- d their documents and any other relevant information.

2 During official controls and other official activities, operators shall assist and cooperate with the staff of the competent authorities and organic control authorities in the accomplishment of their tasks.

3 The operator responsible for a consignment entering [<sup>F1</sup>Great Britain] shall, in addition to the obligations set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, make available, on paper or in electronic form, and without delay, all information concerning the animals and goods.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 15. (See end of Document for details)

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4 [F<sup>2</sup>The appropriate authority may, by regulations,] lay down rules on the cooperation and exchange of information between operators and competent authorities related to the arrival and unloading of the animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) where it is necessary to ensure their complete identification and the efficient performance of official controls on such animals and goods. F<sup>3</sup>...

5 For the purpose of Article 10(2) and subject to Article 10(3), operators shall provide the competent authorities with at least the following updated details:

- a their name and legal form; and
- b the specific activities they carry out, including activities undertaken by means of distance communication, and the places under their control.

6 The obligations of operators set out in this Article shall also apply in cases where official controls and other official activities are performed by official veterinarians, official plant health officers, delegated bodies, control authorities and natural persons to which certain official control tasks or certain tasks related to other official activities have been delegated.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 15(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1481), regs. 1, **5(4)(a)** (with reg. 46)
- F2** Words in Art. 15(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1481), regs. 1, **5(4)(b)(i)** (with reg. 46)
- F3** Words in Art. 15(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1481), regs. 1, **5(4)(b)(ii)** (with reg. 46)

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