
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Official Controls (Temporary Measures)
(Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

Amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of member States' control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

2.—(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of member States' control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)(1) is amended as follows.

(2) After Article 2, insert—

“Article 3

Official controls and other official activities may exceptionally be performed by one or more natural persons specifically authorised by the competent authority on the basis of their qualifications, training and practical experience who are in contact with the competent authority by any available means of communication, and who are required to follow the instructions of the competent authority for the performance of such official controls and other official activities. Such persons shall act impartially, and they shall be free from any conflict of interest as regards the official controls and other official activities performed by them.”.

(3) In Article 4(1), at the end of the words before point (a) insert “, whether at a border control post or at a location remote from a border control post”.

(4) In Article 6, for “1st February” substitute “1st July”.