



Official Controls to protect the authentic honey supply chain

**Bees & Biodiversity: new cooperations
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Replacing Regulation 882/2004

15 June 2016: Political agreement

19 December 2016: Council common position

15 March 2017: European Parliament adoption

7 April 2017:

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Entry into force and application

Entry into force:

27 April 2017

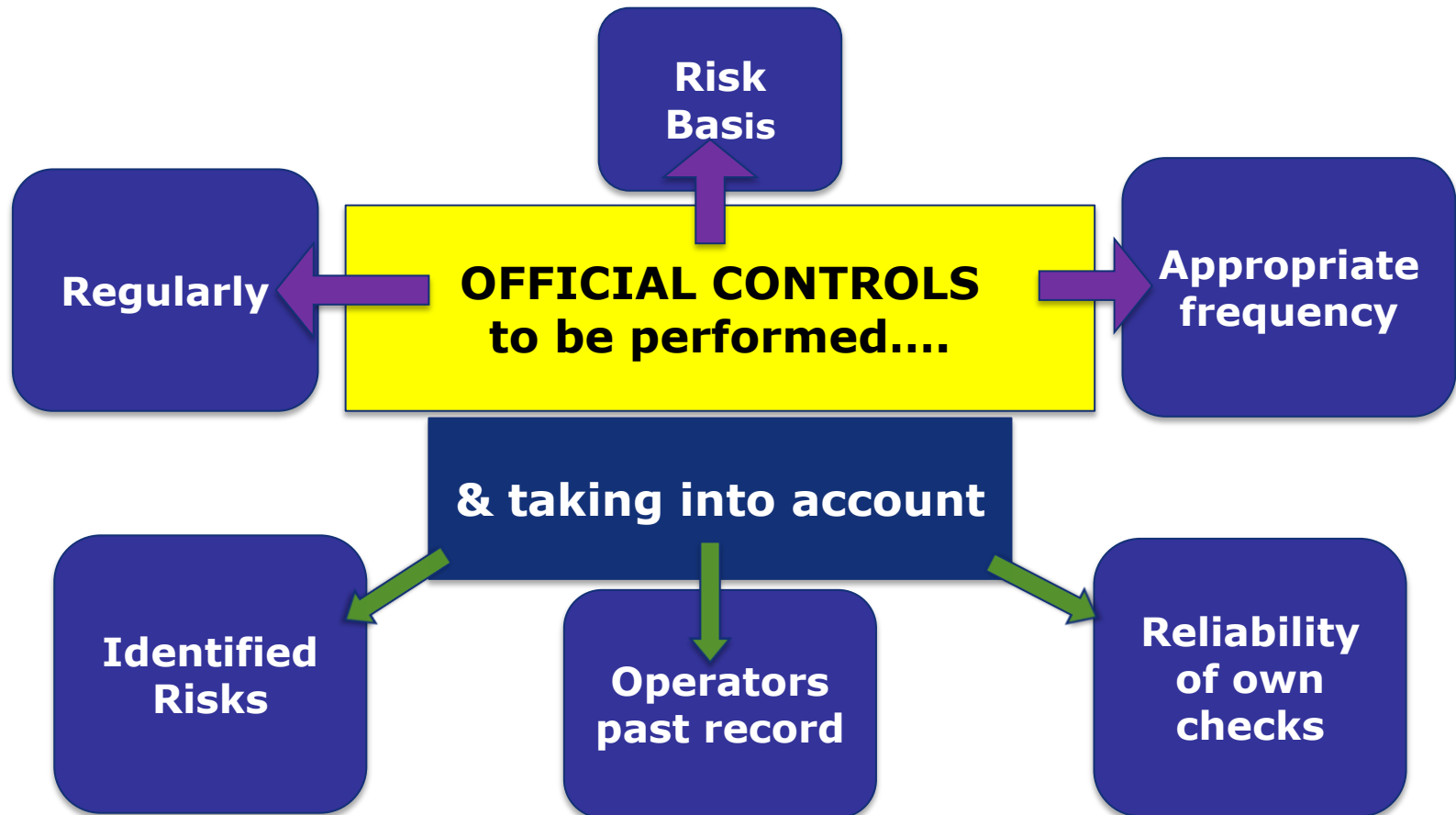
Main date of application:

14 December 2019



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Risk based approach today: 882/2004





The risk based approach in the new Reg:2017/625

Controls to be performed "**regularly,
on a risk basis and with appropriate
frequency**"

**Own controls,
including
private quality
schemes**

**Risks associated
with animals and
goods, activities,
location...and the
likelihood that
consumers might
be misled**

**Operator's past
record**

'Food fraud' controls today: 882/2004



New emphasis!



Food fraud control in new Reg: 2017/625

A new key element: Likelihood of food fraud must be taken into account when deciding the appropriate frequency of controls, including on imports

ADVANTAGE FOR COMPLIANT
PRODUCERS
(Conventional & e-commerce)

Protection against unfair trade and unsafe products,
including on-line sales

New emphasis!



Food authenticity and integrity

REFERENCE CENTRES (possibly)

to provide specialised knowledge on detection methods and identification of vulnerable market segments

PENALTIES

to reflect operator's economic advantage or turnover



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Coordinated Control Plans today: 882/2004

- **To establish the prevalence of hazards in feed, food and animals & the extent of fraud in a sector...**

E.G. 2015: CCP to establish the prevalence of fraudulent practices in the marketing of honey.

- **All MS participated;**
- **2000+ samples collected;**
- **Additional analysis by JRC in 2017.**

- Data gathered on extent & nature of fraud in honey;
- New analytical method tested;
- Recommendations being considered.



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Coordinated Control Programmes in new Reg: 2017/625

Objective:

Targeted assessment of the application of the rules to establish the prevalence of certain hazards

Coordinated control programmes in **all** areas of OCR's expanded scope, i.e. plant protection products and plant health...

The organisation of the collection of data & information



Conclusions: benefits for compliant producers (new Regulation)

- More harmonised controls along the whole agri-food chain (all actors in all Member States subject to same rules);
- Stronger legal basis to fight fraud:
 - **Strengthening cooperation between Member States,**
 - **Dissuasive sanctions > \$ economic gains from fraud.**
- Greater transparency: outcome of controls will be made public by National Authorities;
- More efficiency: digital & integrated communication systems across EU.



Thank you for your attention!

For more information

DG Health and Food Safety website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/official_controls/legislation_en

Questions & answers:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/oc_qa_ocregulation_20170407_en.pdf