

Break Out Session 1, Summary of Results

There should be clear guidelines with a harmonised interpretation-implementation by MS competent and customs authorities, and the control bodies operating in those crops in the subject countries (EC to do training).

Transport should not be held up at borders. Clearance time limited to 1 week.

EU/MS to agree on one standardised list of substances to test for (not different analyses in different MS), the labs to have similar methodologies and are obliged to do ring tests, so that one sample - different labs = similar results.

One undisputable test done at PoE, that's it.

CB competence and inspection regime to improve on verification of organic farming and handling practices

Traceability must be known back to producer (no poaching of suppliers by buyers and CBs)

Focus to be on known problem supply chains (exporters, buyers). There are trade systems that rate how member companies perform. Lower rate is less trustworthy, less customers and more checks.

Commission/USDA to continue consultation with the sector on improving the guideline (don't leave it up to MS)

