



EU guidelines on official controls

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1. How it started

- *Late 2014: findings of pesticide residues*
 - *high protein feed ingredients: oil crops and cereals*
 - *large and verly large consignments*
 - *widely spread in feed and food chain*
 - *high number*
 - *high and medium levels of pesticide residues*



2. Measures taken COP 03/02/2015

- *Inventory of complete product stream*
- *Reinforced controls in Ukraine*
- *Reinforced controls at entrance points*
- *Review of CBs active in Ukraine*
- *1 CB delisted (Regulation 2015/931 of 08/07/2015)*
- *Other CBs gave up activity in Ukraine*



3. Letters to CBs

- *Sent 29/05/2016 and 14/01/2016*
- *Increased control measures*
- *Sampling in Ukraine, before Col*
- *2 physical inspections/year*
- *1 field crop sample/year/operator*
- *Verification product flow and traceability*
- *Financial controls*



4. Special Reports by CBs

- *By 01/09/2015*
- *By 01/09/2016*
- *By 28/02/2018 (as part of annual report)*



5. Guidelines on additional official controls on products originating from ...

- *Published 03/12/2015*
 - *Ukraine and 10 other third countries*
 - *1/1/2016 – 31/12/2016*
- *Second version published 29/11/2016*
 - *Ukraine and 2 other third countries*
 - *1/1/2017 – 31/12/2017*
 - *Reduction of product scope to 4 chapters (feed ingredients)*
 - *Explicit inclusion of products imported in EU via other countries (Turkey)*
- *Decision on prolongation by 30/11/2017*



6a. Notifications 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017

- *29 notifications*
- *crops*
 - *Oil crops* 14
 - *Cereals* 13
 - *Others* 2
- *Irregularities*
 - *Insecticides* 15
 - *Herbicides* 6
 - *Fungicides* 5
 - *Others* 4



6b. Notifications 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017

- *Control bodies*
 - *Organic Standard* 16
 - *Control Union Certifications* 7
 - *bio.inspecta* 5
 - *CERES* 1
- *Origin*
 - *27 from Ukraine and 2 from Ukraine via Turkey*



6c. Notifications 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017

- *Number*
 - 2014 : 3
 - 2015: 9
 - 2016: 27
 - 2017, first 8 months: 18 (extrapolation for 2017: 27)
- *characteristics*
 - *level: low and medium*
 - *herbicides: not reassuring!*
 - *storage insecticides*



7. Final comments

- *Guidelines appear to be effective*
 - *Not OK products no longer widespread in food and feed chain*
 - *Large number of not OK consignments are stopped by the controls*
- *Challenges*
 - *All actors in the supply chain need to take their full responsibility*
 - *The weakest part of the chain determines the result*
 - *Organic control system is not designed to fight criminal, intentional food fraud*
 - *Strong public institutions needed to combat intentional economic frauds*



- *Thank you for your attention*