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OVS Note/2015/27

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RE-ENFORCED CHECKS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this OVS note is to:
 - advise and seek information from BIP OVSs of an issue that was raised at the Veterinary Checks Working Group on 8 July in relation to re-enforced checks (RECs); and
 - remind you of your responsibilities with respect to RECs.

Background

RECs due to Market Controls

2. At the Veterinary Checks WG in April it was reported that about 65% of RECs were launched/proposed by Member States and the remainder by the Commission, which are mainly based on market controls. At the WG in July a similar trend was reported (61% by MSs).
3. There was a discussion on how long a REC should remain in place where it is initiated due to market controls. The Commission position is that it should be six months and if there are no imports during this period, the REC should be removed.
4. The Commission has asked MSs to seek views from BIPs on how long such measures should remain in place.

BIP responsibilities

5. Another issue that was mentioned at the WG relates to results of RECs.



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6. It would appear that where there is a REC in place and a test result is disputed by the importer, the results are not always entered in TRACES.
7. This is to remind you that all results should be entered in TRACES as failure to do so can affect the REC result. If a result has been successfully challenged, the TRACES team should be informed via the TRACES helpdesk and the Commission can decide how to proceed.

Action for OVSs

8. OVS are asked to provide APHA (contact details below) with their views on how long market control RECs should remain in place by close on 14 August.

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