



BTSF Perspective and programme 2013

BTSF Info Day

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What is BTSF?



A Commission training initiative for EU and third country officials who undertake controls on sanitary and phytosanitary issues



Why was BTSF launched?

Objectives of the recast

To complete and modernise EU legislation on Food safety

To create a single framework for food and feed

To improve effectiveness and efficiency of official controls

⇒ Training as a key element in this effort

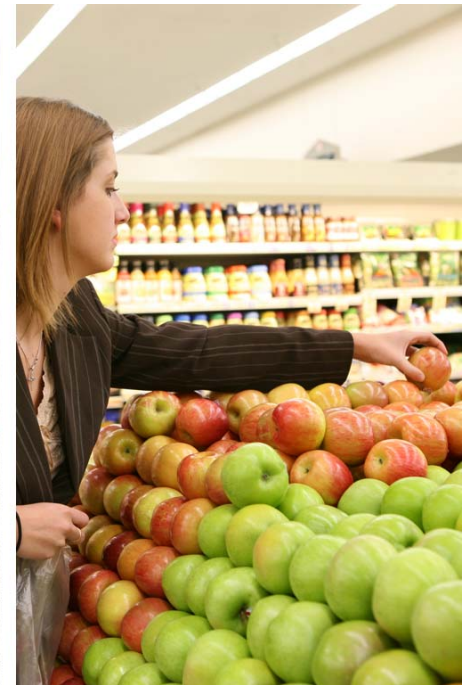
Areas covered

- Food law
- Feed law
- Animal health rules
- Animal welfare rules
- Plant health rules



General objectives

- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Ensure more uniform, objective and efficient controls throughout the EU
- High levels of consumer protection, animal health and welfare and plant health
- Level playing field for food businesses
- Enhance trade of safe food

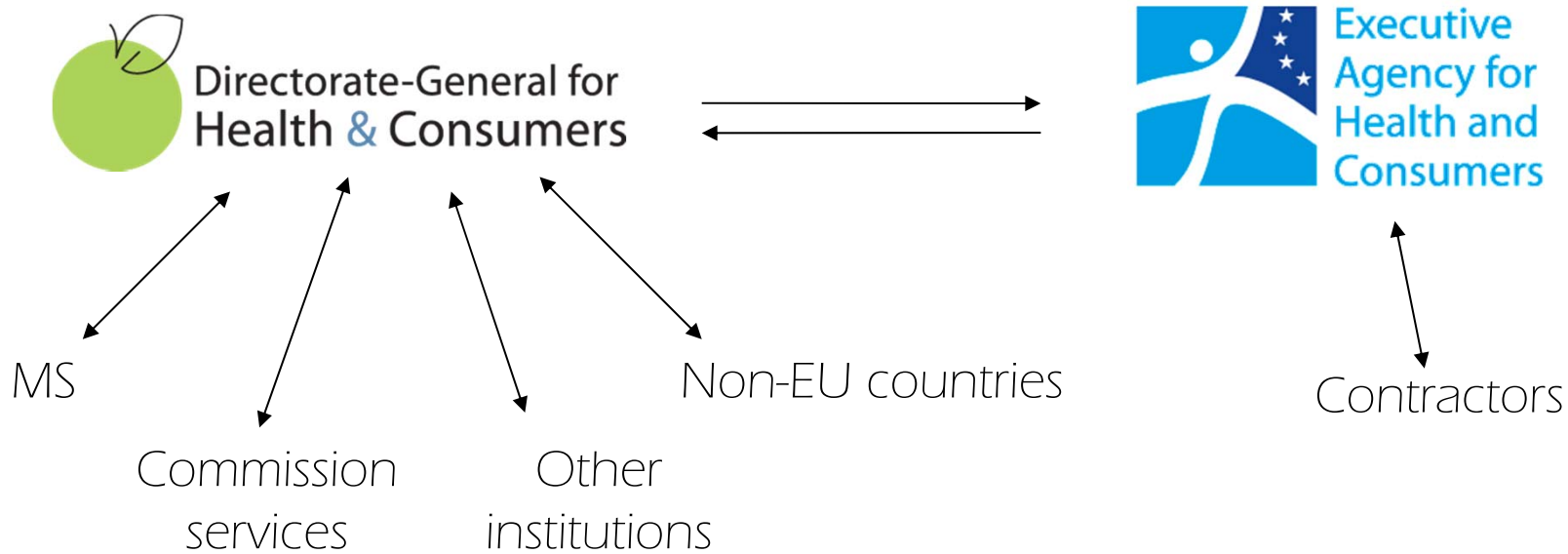


BTSF initiative: principles



- *Not to replace initial training for inspectors*
⇒ **MS responsibility for initial training**
- *To complement initial training in areas where difficulties exist at EU level*
⇒ **EU message / Mix of tutors team**
- *To favour knowledge sharing and networking to increase compatibility of control procedures throughout the EU*
⇒ **Mix of tutors and participants**
- *To follow a train-the-trainer approach*
⇒ **Dissemination is a key factor for BTSF success**

BTSF initiative: management



BTSF initiative: planning



- Assessment of results
- Consultation process / assessment of needs:
 - Inputs from Commission services
 - Inputs from stakeholders (MS, EFTA countries...)
- Decision process:
 - BTSF scope
 - Activities already planned (scope/contents)
 - Interest at EU level
 - Legal state of play / info from services
 - Budgetary constraints



BTSF initiative: functioning

- Training is organised by external contractors
- Training consists of workshops and secondment of individual experts
- Contractors are responsible for developing technical programmes, recruiting tutors, selecting participants and arranging organisational aspects

BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2012



Around 800 events

More than 35.000 participants

Budget of approx. € 83 million



2013 work programme

16 calls for tender
Approx. 20 technical subjects
Budget of nearly €15 million



Restarting EU programmes

- 1. HACCP*
- 2. Animal Health Controls (bees/zoo)*
- 3. Contingency planning and disease control*
- 4. Food additives*
- 5. Residues of Veterinary Medicinal Products*
- 6. Risk Assessment*
- 7. Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies*



New EU programmes

1. *Animal traceability*
2. *Emerging plant health risks*
3. *Support to Union overview reports*
4. *Plant Protection Products authorisation and use*
5. *Food Hygiene at primary production*
6. *Food hygiene and flexibility*
7. *New food investigation techniques*
8. *RASFF*
9. *Control of semen/embryos sector*



Animal traceability 2014-15

General features

- *10 four-day courses*
- *280 participants in total*

Objectives

- *Smooth operation of the internal market;*
- *Respond to threats rapidly;*
- *Part of the need to trace products all along the food chain starting from live animals;*

Target

- *Officials involved in designing and managing identification and registration of animals;*
- *Officials involved in controlling movements of animals;*

Emerging plant health risks 2014-15

General features

- *8 four-day courses*
- *215 participants in total*

Objectives

- *Focus on surveillance for new and emerging risks to plant health;*
- *Focus on actions to be taken to prevent their entry or spread within the EU;*

Target

- *Officials involved in planning and coordinating control activities;*
- *Field inspectors involved in control activities.*



Support to EU overview on audits 2014-15

General features

- *18 two-day courses*
- *665 participants in total*

Objectives

- *to take ownership of the findings and conclusions of the audit series and to use them to improve their official control activities;*
- *to gain an understanding of good practices and how they might be extended to other MS;*
- *to discuss weaknesses and recurring problems with a view to identifying possible root causes and solutions to remedy them.*

Target

- *Officials with managerial responsibility in relevant sector;*
- *Official involved in training activities at national level.*



Plant Protection Products 2014-15

General features

- *20 three-day courses (8 + 12)*
- *Two types of workshops (autorisation + sustainable use)*
- *580 participants in total (220 + 360)*

Objectives

- *to ensure a greater harmonisation of authorisation procedures with emphasis on mutual recognition within the authorisation zones;*
- *to raise awareness on the proper use of PPP, improve the implementation of EU rules on the sustainable use of PPP and favour harmonisation of training programmes within MS;*

Target

- *Officials involved in risk assessment/management for authorisation of PPP;*
- *Officials involved in designing/implementing training certification systems.*



Food hygiene at primary production 2014-15

General features

- *16 three-day courses*
- *4 fields (general aspects + specificities for certain sectors)*
- *485 participants in total*

Objectives

- *to raise awareness and promote a common understanding of rules to be complied with at 1ry production level;*
- *to disseminate best practices for official controls.*

Target

- *Officials involved in planning control activities;*
- *Field inspectors involved in control activities.*



Food hygiene and flexibility 2014-15

General features

- *12 five-day courses*
- *360 participants in total*

Objectives

- *to raise awareness and improve understanding of flexibility provisions offered in the hygiene package;*
- *to ensure a better use of such provisions within MS;*
- *to disseminate best practices for official controls ;*

Target

- *Officials involved in planning control activities;*
- *Field inspectors involved in control activities.*



New food investigation techniques 2014-15

General features

- *10 three-day courses*
- *2 fields (general investigation techniques + e-commerce)*
- *305 participants in total*

Objectives

= to improve knowledge on new effective and efficient control - investigation techniques to:

- a) identify more easily fraud along the food chain and*
- b) ensure better official controls on e-commerce in the food sector.*

Target

- *Officials involved in planning control activities;*
- *Field inspectors involved in control activities.*



Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed 2014-15

General features

- *7 three-day courses*
- *2 fields*
- *285 participants in total*

Objectives

- *to provide a detailed overview and explanation of the system, to strengthen the collaboration between EU and non-EU RASFF contact points and favour networking;*
- *to raise awareness on the proper implementation of new RASFF implementing rules and on the use of RASFF SOPs and to facilitate the successful implementation of iRASFF.*

Target

- *Officials acting as RASFF contact points.*

Controls on semen/embryo sector 2014-15

General features

- *10 four-day courses*
- *230 participants in total*

Objectives

- *increase knowledge of the organisation and functioning of semen collection/storage centres and embryos collection/production teams of different species of animals;*
- *ensure a common understanding of the conditions of approval and supervision of the centres and teams ;*
- *develop skills and disseminate best practices in official veterinary inspection in this field,*

Target

- *Officials involved in planning control activities;*
- *Field inspectors involved in control activities.*



European Commission

More information?

http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm

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Training Strategy - Home

Better Training for Safer Food is a Commission training initiative covering food and feed law, animal health and welfare and plant health rules. It trains Member State and candidate country national authority staff involved in official controls in these areas.

This aims to keep participants up-to-date with Community law in these areas and should help to ensure more harmonised and efficient controls. Efficient controls are an essential factor in maintaining high levels of consumer protection, animal health and plant health. Harmonisation of controls should help to create a level playing field for food businesses.

Training is also organised specifically for third, particularly developing country participants so as to familiarise them with EU requirements. This should help to ease access to the EU market for products from developing countries.

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Recent News



Second import controls workshop takes place in Italy

The second in a series of three BTSF workshops on import controls on food and feed products of non-animal origin takes place in Pisa and Livorno, Italy on 23-26 March. Around 50 people are to attend from EU Member States, candidate and EFTA countries.

The training should provide participants with a solid knowledge of Community requirements for food and feed imports. This should improve implementation of EU legislation and contribute to developing best practices for controls on relevant products.

Upcoming workshops

- 23-26 March:** Veterinary and food safety checks in seaport border inspection posts, Southampton, UK
- 23-26 March:** Controls of food and feed of non-animal origin, Livorno, Italy
- 30 March-2 April:** Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), Madagascar
- 12-14 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 12-16 April:** Food hygiene and controls of fishery products and live-bivalve molluscs, Santander, Spain
- 19-21 April:** Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Oldenburg/Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 19-23 April:** Food hygiene and controls of milk and dairy products, Brescia, Italy
- 19-23 April:** Better Training for Safer Food in Africa - regional food hygiene workshop for East Africa, Uganda
- 20-23 April:** Official controls on food and feed of non-animal origin, Genoa, Italy

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