1. New OCR _ EURLs / NRLs
2. WG microcriteria: *Salmonella* issues

22nd workshop of the EURL *Salmonella*
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The new Official Control Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR)

- *Published in the Official Journal on 7 April 2017*
- *Replaces Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 (and R 854/2004)*
- *Framework legislation on all controls by competent authorities including official sampling and analyses and requirements for official laboratories, NRLS and EURL*
- *To be completed by 34 delegated acts and 51 implementing acts*

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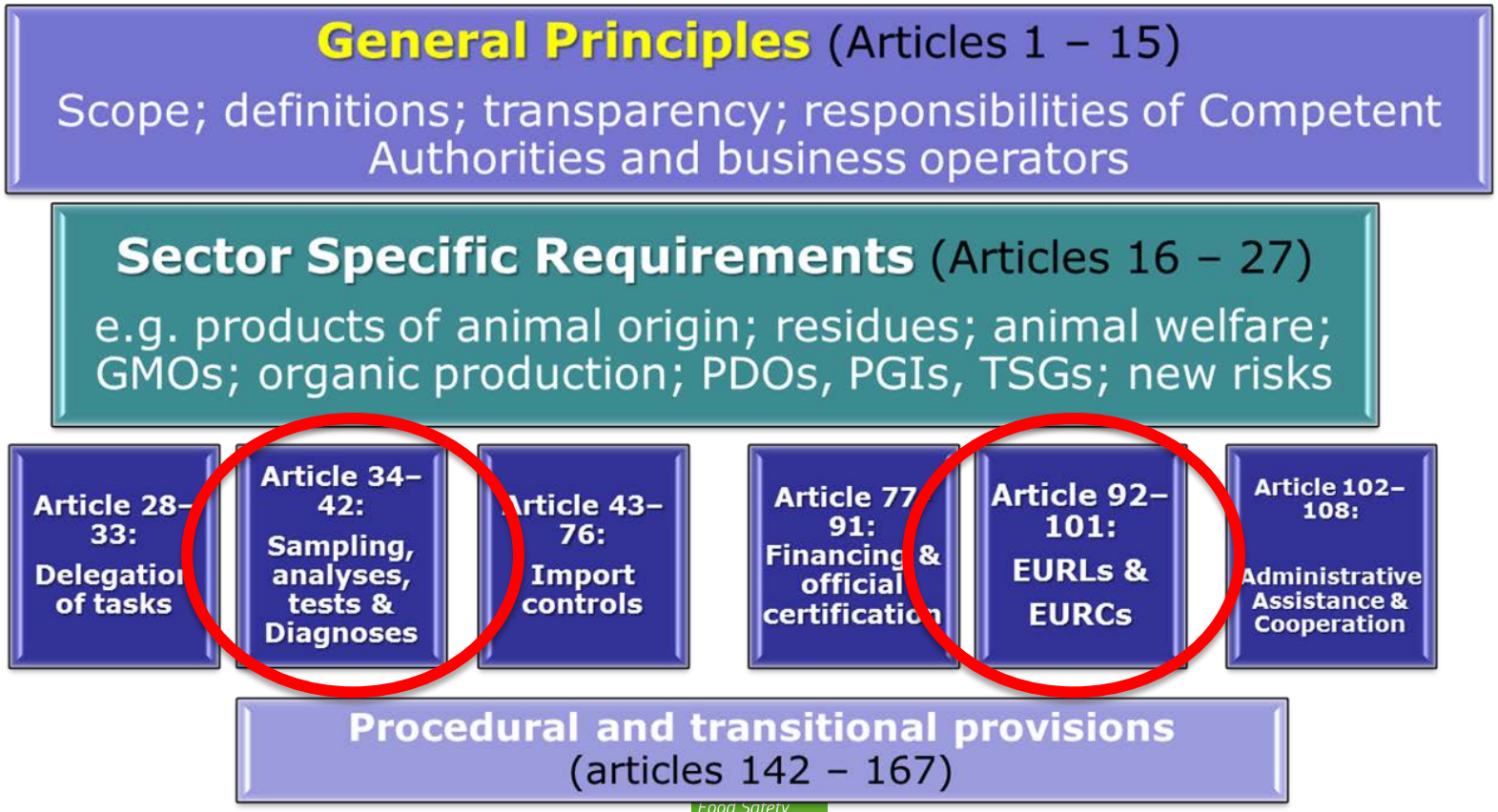
Structure of the OCR



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Scope of the OCR (Art. 1.2)

- Food and food safety
- Feed and feed safety
- GMOs
- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Animal by-products
- Plant health
- Plant protection products
- Organic production
- PDOs, PGIs, TSGs

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Provisions on EURLs and NRLs

- *Title III (Art. 92-101) - Reference laboratories*
- *Key principles:*
  - **Broader scope (Plant Health)**
  - **Transparency and efficiency**
    - Decision and designation of EURLs
    - More specific and more precise requirements, responsibilities and tasks
  - **Accountability**
    - Distribution of responsibilities among COM, MS, EURLs and NRLs

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Building-up the legislative framework

- ***Step 1- Decision to establish a EURL***
  - official controls depend on the quality, uniformity and reliability of methods and results
  - need to promote uniform practices in relation to the development or use of the methods

- ***Step 2- Designation of EURL***
  - Public selection process
  - Limited in time, with minimum period of 5 years or reviewed regularly
  - Accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025 (operating, methods of laboratory analysis and others and in a flexible manner)

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EURLs Requirements

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- **Staff**:

- Impartial, confidentiality
- Suitably, training + support
- International Standards
- Updated

- **Infrastructure, equipment + products**

- According to needs
- Emergency situations

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– Equipped to comply with relevant biosecurity standards

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Responsibilities and tasks of EURLs

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- Improvement + harmonization of tests
- develop annual/multi-annual WP
- Scientific + technical assistance COM + NRLs (incl. training courses)
- assist during outbreaks

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- publish list of NRLs
- provide reference materials (if in WP)
- more specific:
  - proficiency tests, follow-up & inform COM + MS
  - cooperate to develop new methods
  - collaborate with Third Countries, with EFSA, EMA and ECDC

Designation of NRLs

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- MSs to designate ≥ 1 NRLs for each EURL
- MS may designate lab in another MS/ 3rd Country
- NRL may be designated ≥ 1 MS

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- MS may designate a NRL even if no EURL
- Official communication to COM, EURL + MS and public information of the name and address

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- Scope of accreditation
- Equipped with relevant biosecurity standards
- CA shall organise audits
- Withdraw the designation if doesn't comply with:
  - ISO 17025
  - Obligations
  - Expected results in proficiency tests

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Responsibilities and tasks of NRLs

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- Methods of analysis + tests to official labs (OL)
- ensure dissemination to CA + OLs of info provided by EURL
- Scientific + technical assistance to CA for Multi Annual National Control Plan (MANCP)

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- Inform CA proficiency tests results and follow-up
- Conduct training courses for OLs
- Reference materials*
  - Validate
  - establish + maintain updated lists reference materials + manufacturers
- Assist CA in outbreaks

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Obligations of Official Laboratories (OL)

Title II, Chapter IV, Article 38

- Inform immediately CA if results
  - indicate risk to human, animal or plant health, or

    as regards GMOs and plant protection products, also to the environment
  - or point to the likelihood of non-compliance
- Upon request by:
  - ➢ EURL or NRL ⇨ OL shall take part in proficiency tests.
  - ➢ Competent Authorities:
    - OL shall make available to the public methods used for analyses performed official controls
    - OL shall indicate the results together with the method used for each analysis

Obligations of the MS

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- designate NRLs
- ensure coordination between NRLs work closely together
- communicate details of NRLs to COM, EURLs and other MS

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- Update and make available to public details NRLs (name and address)

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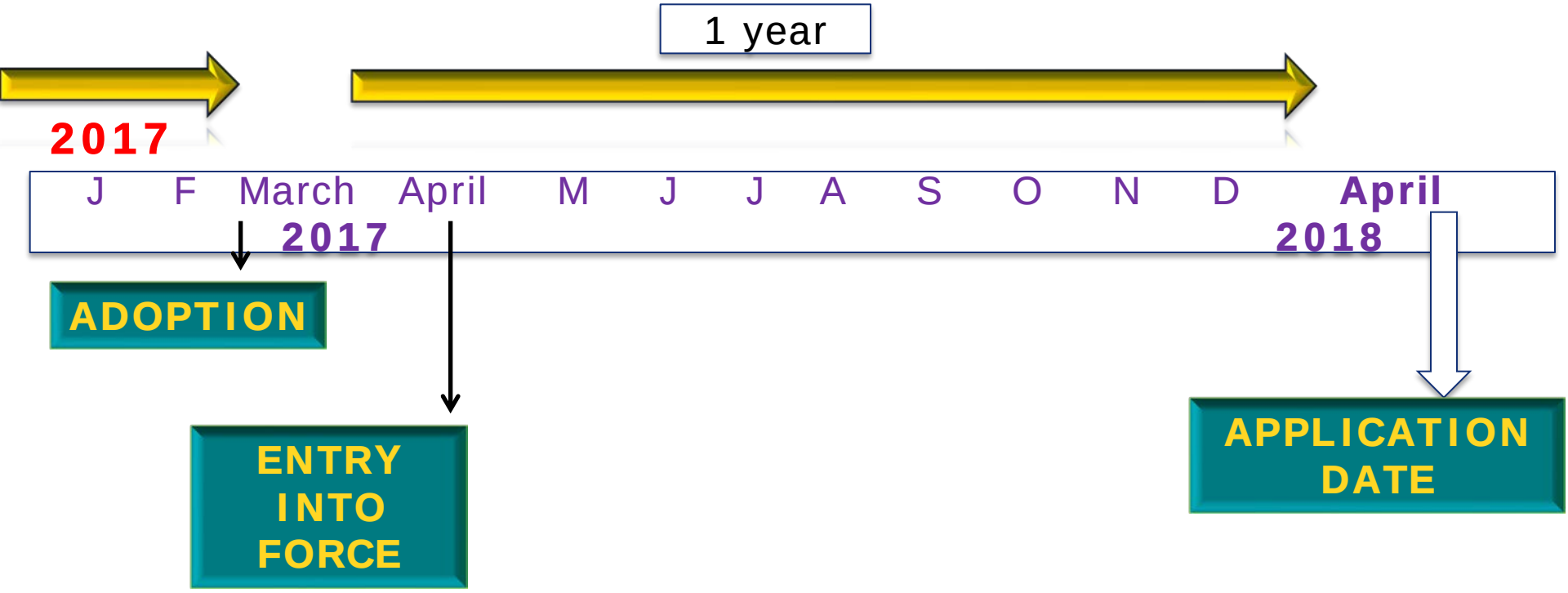
Timeline for EURLs



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