Requirements for EU Reference Centres for the Authenticity & Integrity of the Agri-food chain

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

Dedicated activities started in 2013:

The EUROPEAN FOOD FRAUD NETWORK & EU COORDINATED CASES

EU-WIDE COORDINATED CONTROL PLANS

TRAINING FOR FOOD FRAUD
Five specific workshops per year on eCommerce and Investigation Techniques

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EU Reference Centres for food authenticity, stronger sanctions and broader scope for food fraud

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# Structure of Regulation 2017/625 (OCR)

## General Principles **Articles 1 – 15**
Subject matter, scope & definitions, Competent Authorities general requirements

## Sector Specific Requirements **Articles 16 – 27**
e.g. Products of animal origin, residues, animal welfare, plant health, GMOs, plant protection products, organic production, new risks

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## Common Provisions - **Articles 142 – 167**

**Food Safety**
Control + enforcement fraudulent or deceptive practices

- Marketing standards
  - Likelihood of consumers being misled
    - Properties
    - Quality
    - Composition
    - Origin

- Whistle-blowers

- Financial penalties
- Exchange of information
  - EU Coordinated control programmes
  - EU Reference centres
    - Knowledge + research
    - Methods for detection
    - Identify vulnerable segments

Training
Objective/Purpose:
Support the activities of COM + MS to:
✦ prevent
✦ detect
✦ combat
violations through fraudulent or deceptive practices of the rules in the scope of OCR.

Designation:
• empowerment for Implementing Act ("may" provision)
• eligibility criteria
• public selection process
• limited in time/ reviewed regularly

[• scientific, technical, forensic expertise
• ability to carry out/coordinate research
• develop + apply methods for the detection of violations
• qualified + trained staff (incl. good knowledge of relevant research developments, standards, practices)
• possess/have access to necessary infrastructure, equipment, products]
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**Art. 98**
- Knowledge + research
- Methods for detection
- Identify vulnerable segments

**Art. 99**
Delegated acts to supplement OCR on the establishment of requirements, responsibilities + tasks for the EU

**COM IMPLEMENTING DECISION**
- on COM work programmes years [... on the financing of the Union contribution to the EURL and EURC

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