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## ANNEX

Guidelines for annual reports on the implementation of Member States national control plans

### 9. GUIDANCE ON CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

#### 9.1. Official controls

The annual report should indicate the extent to which annual operational targets (where Member States have established such operational targets), and strategic objectives set out in the national control plan were achieved. A brief description of relevant performance indicators and/or operational targets applied should be included here, unless provided in the national control plan, in which case they should be referred to by means of cross-references. This should be presented on a sectoral basis in line with the national control plan.

The annual report should include both planned or ongoing official controls and, where applicable, specific control activities focused on a particular issue. For planned official controls the extent to which the frequency or intensity and nature of official controls set out in the national control plan were achieved should be addressed. In the event that operational targets for planned official controls are not achieved, an analysis of relevant mitigating and/or contributing factors should be provided. Unplanned official controls<sup>(1)</sup> should also be reported — particularly when they have diverted resources from planned official controls — and a brief explanation of the reason for the unplanned official controls should be provided.

With regard to official controls relating to animal health and plant health, this section of the annual report should include the results of official controls carried out for the purpose of disease monitoring, surveillance, eradication or control, including official controls to verify or determine health status with regard to a particular disease.

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- (1) Official controls that involve a significant temporary departure from the national control plan due to unforeseen circumstances.

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