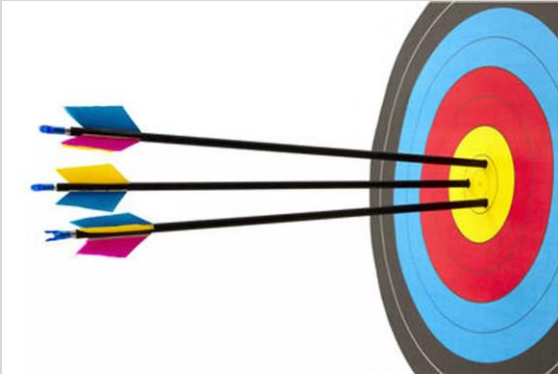


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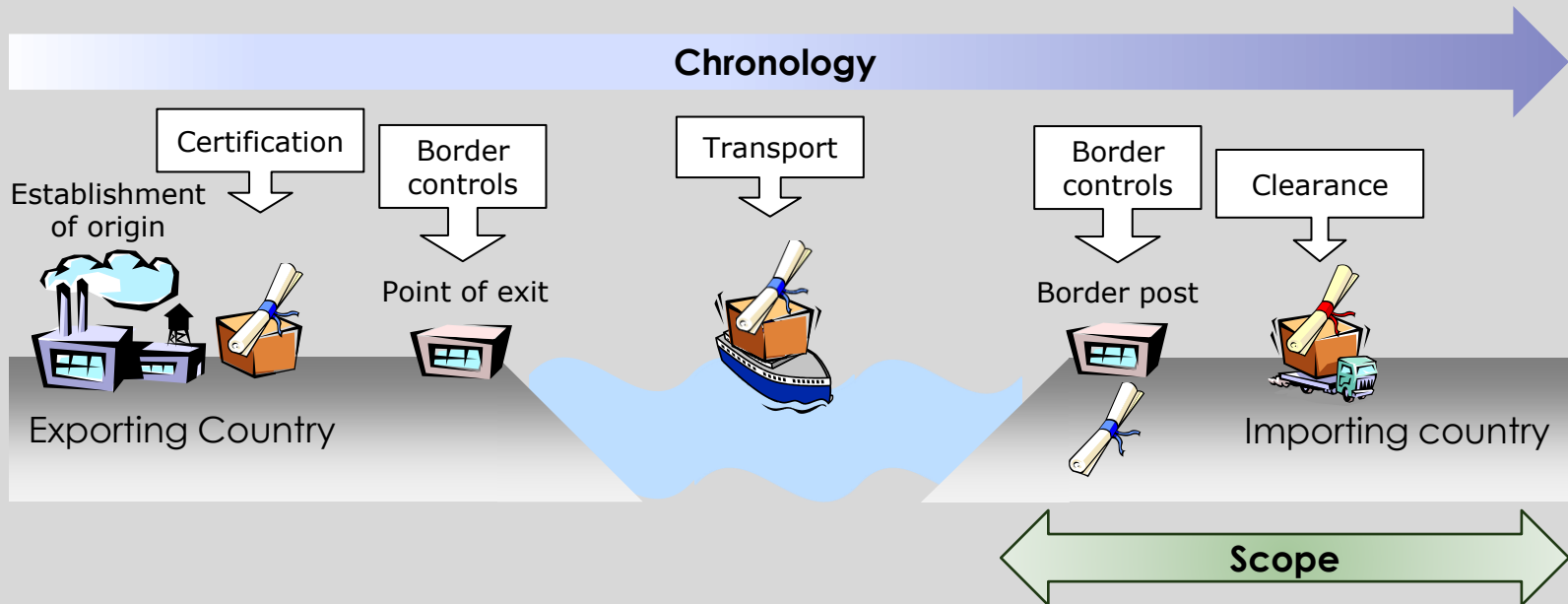
“FROM THE POINT OF ENTRY TO CLEARANCE”

What is the purpose?



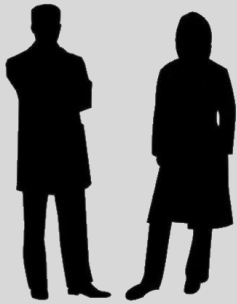
- Preventing the spread of pathogenic agents through import trade
- Avoiding unjustified restrictions
- Imported commodities must meet the requirements of the importing country when they enter the territory

What is the scope?



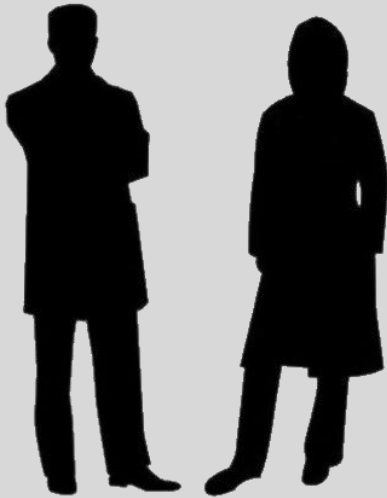
- **From the time of arrival at the border...
... to the point of clearance**
- **Animals, germinal products, products of animal origin (food and by-products)**

Who is involved?



- **Veterinary authorities**
- **Customs and other authorities**
- **Importers**
- **Transporters**

Veterinary authorities



- **Responsibility for import controls: policy, legislation, capacity, expertise, resources**
- **Import requirements, control procedures**
- **Controls at appropriate location**
- **Controls organised on a risk-based approach: prohibitions, positive list and exemptions, frequencies**
- **Requirement of prior approval or prenotification**
- **Monitoring of exporting countries**
- **Procedures in case of risk or non-compliance**
- **Cooperation with customs and other authorities, and delegation of tasks**
- **Fight and protection against frauds**

Importers



- **Necessary knowledge on requirements of the importing country**
- **Necessary knowledge on legislation and official procedures of the importing country**
- **Cooperation with the authorities, access to commodities and documents**

Import controls



- **Documentary check**
 - **Examination of certificates, attestations, lab reports, any documents accompanying the commodities**



- **Identity checks**
 - **Visual inspection to verify concordance between the shipment and the documents**



- **Physical checks**
 - **Visual inspection to verify compliance with import requirements**
 - **Laboratory testing**



- **Decision**
 - **Clearance or refusal**
 - **Special measures before release: disinfection, treatment, isolation**

Non-compliance



- **Individual measures on commodities: re-dispatch, special treatment or destruction**
- **Notification system of the exporting country**
- **Plan to address emergencies before arrival: health issue, accidents, change of route**
- **Plan to address emergencies at the border**