



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Director-General

Brussels,

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your e-mail of 2 June 2016 where you ask for clarification concerning the reporting requirements set out in Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

In your e-mail you explain that in Sweden, in addition to other authorities also the County Administrative Boards (21) and all the municipalities (290) have been appointed as control authorities. Some of those authorities perform control tasks and an example you give is that the municipalities control retailers that are exempted in accordance with Article 28(2) of the above mentioned Regulation. Your question is if all of these appointed control authorities with their contact information has to be notified to the Commission.

Following point b) of the above mentioned Article 35, the Member States (MS) shall regularly transmit to the Commission "*...lists of control authorities and bodies and their code number.....*".

This implies that control authorities to whom control competences have been conferred in accordance with Article 27(4)(a) of the mentioned Regulation, who are performing control tasks referred to in that paragraph and consequently have been allocated a code number as stipulated in paragraph 10 of that Article, shall be reported to the Commission.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 2 June 2016 and on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,

Jerzy PLEWA

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