Decentralized Community agencies: setting-up of a European Agency for veterinary and phytosanitory inspection

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a regulation aims to establish a European Agency for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection. The inspection structures must be strengthened together with the credibility of the inspectors' work by: - developing the autonomy of the inspection service; - increasing the number of inspectors in order to cover the checks in all the areas harmonised at Community level; - enhance the ability of the Community's inspection service to cope with emergency situations that may justify the adoption of safeguard measures by the Commission. CONTENT: the proposal aims to convert the Office of Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection and Control (OVPIC) that has existed within the Commission since 1992 into a European Agency for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection with administrative and financial autonomy. This Agency would carry out on-the-spot checks and assessments in the Member States and third countries in place of Commission experts and should report on its findings to the Commission.