IMSOC Functionalities
New perspectives in the Information Exchange

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What is IMSOC?

1. Implement electronically most of the provision of the new Official Control Regulation ((EU) 2017/625)
2. Exchange between Member States of all data-document needed to perform Official Controls (Certification and eCertification)
3. Implement Administrative Assistance and Cooperation and unify the systems in relation to risk to human, plant, animal health and welfare
4. Provide tools to collect and manage the reports on official controls provided by Member States to the Commission
5. Communication to/from Third Countries

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What is IMSOC?

Keywords	CONSOLIDATION-EFFICIENCY

Name:	Information Management System for Official Controls	
Is it a new IT application?	**NO!**	It's a concept to allow our EU systems to exchange information and share features (and with MS systems)
Will it add further burden to our activities?	**NO!**	It will be designed to make your life easier
Will it replace the current systems? (traces/bovex/europhyt/irasff/aac)	**NO/YES**	It will connect them and extend functionalities (some systems will be absorbed)
What is its purpose?	**Toward a better collective controls efficiency**	

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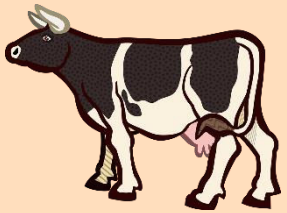
Broader scope

HUMANS



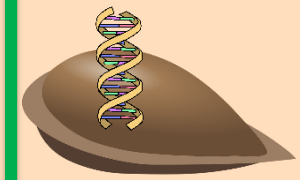
ANIMALS

PLANTS

Organic ?

HEALTH

WELFARE



GMOs

PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS (PPP)

MARKETING STANDARDS (only for fraud)

ENVIRONMENT

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IMSOC in OCR

1. Administrative Assistance and Cooperation (AAC): Public health, Non compliances and Fraud suspicion
2. Certification (Animal, Animal products, Organic, Plants, Timber, Fish Catches …)
3. Diseases Notification (Plant, Animal)
4. Identification (e.g. bovine)

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Exchanges in relation to risks

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AAC novelties from the OCR

1. Administrative Assistance and Coordination (AAC) defined by 7 Articles
2. New procedure for administrative assistance (clearer obligations and stricter timeline)
3. Liaison bodies have to communicate through the systems
4. Special provisions of risk or serious infringement (EC can be involved for coordination)
5. Communication to Third Countries

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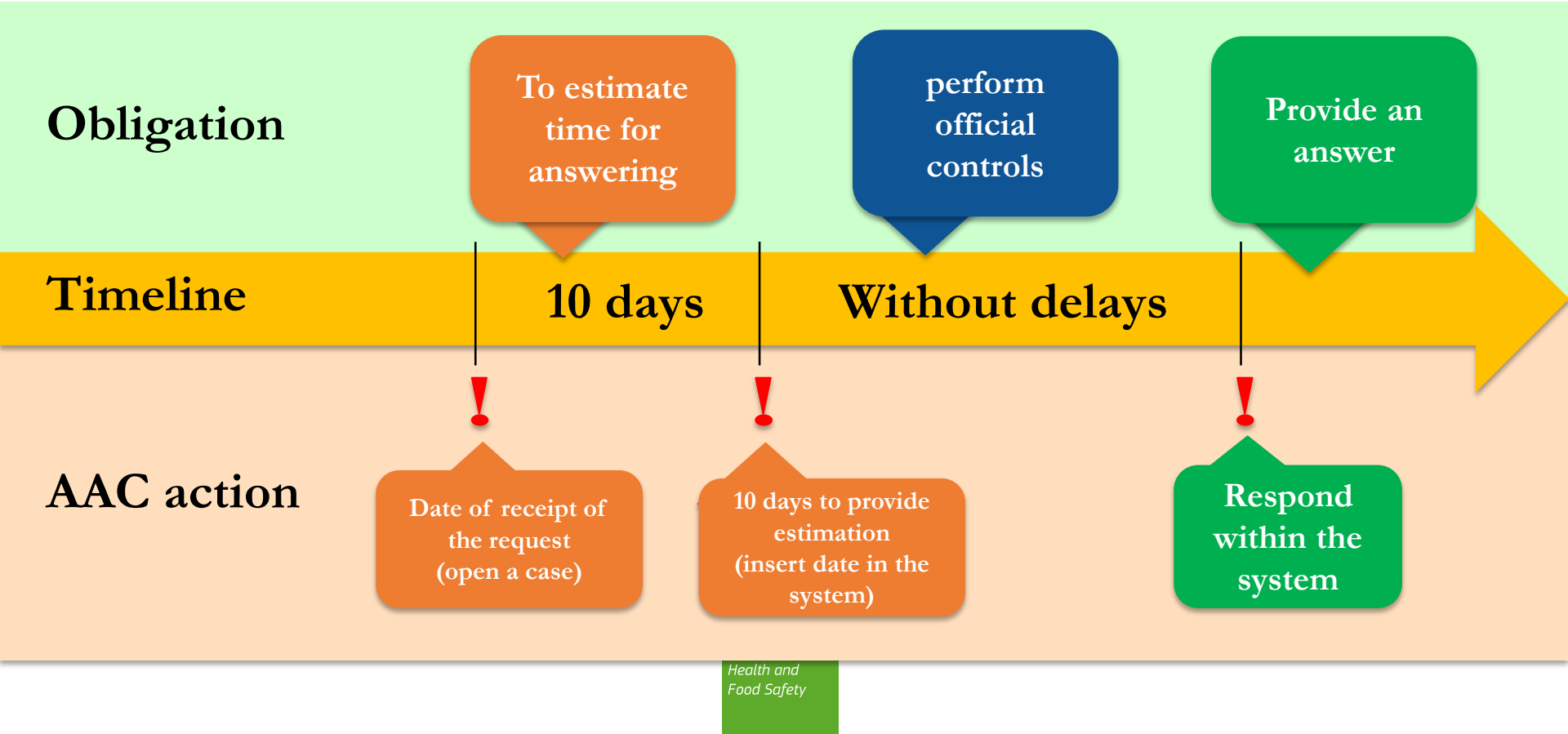
New procedure for Administrative Assistance



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Serious infringements (art. 106)

Creating a risk for human, animal or plant health, animal welfare or, as regards GMOs and plant protection products, also to the environment

Have to be notified immediately to the concerned MSs

If no appropriate follow-up is given

Seek an agreed approach
(e.g. joint inspections)

Inform the Commission in case of disagree
(coordinated assistance from EC)

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Communication with third countries

Results of Official Controls can be communicated to Third Countries

RULES

Previous agreement of the authorities providing the information

Only if Third Country has committed to cooperate

Only if Third Country is complying with Data Protection rules (adequacy decision)

HOW?

Severely restricted access to the systems

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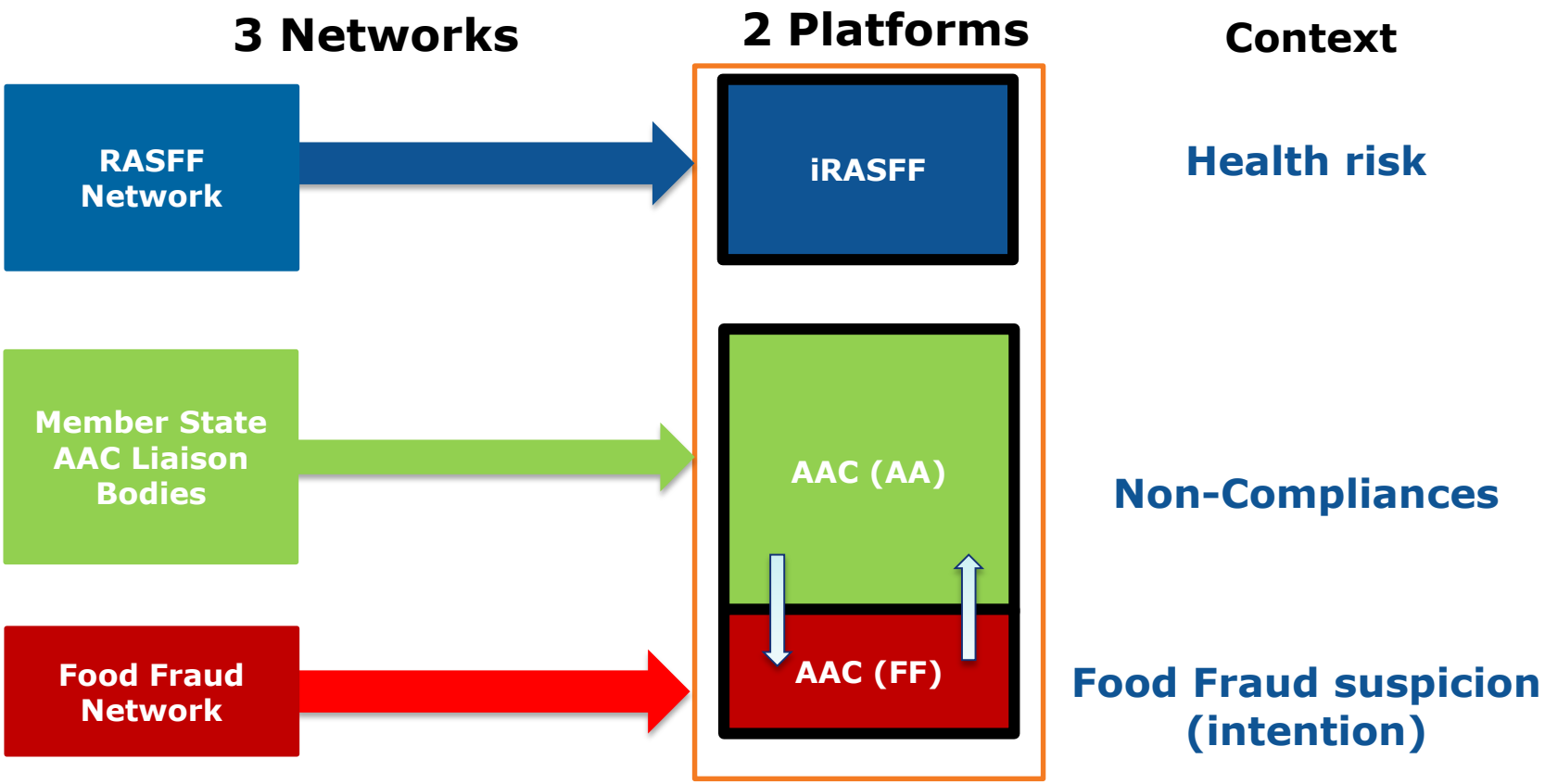
RASFF/AAC CURRENT FLOW



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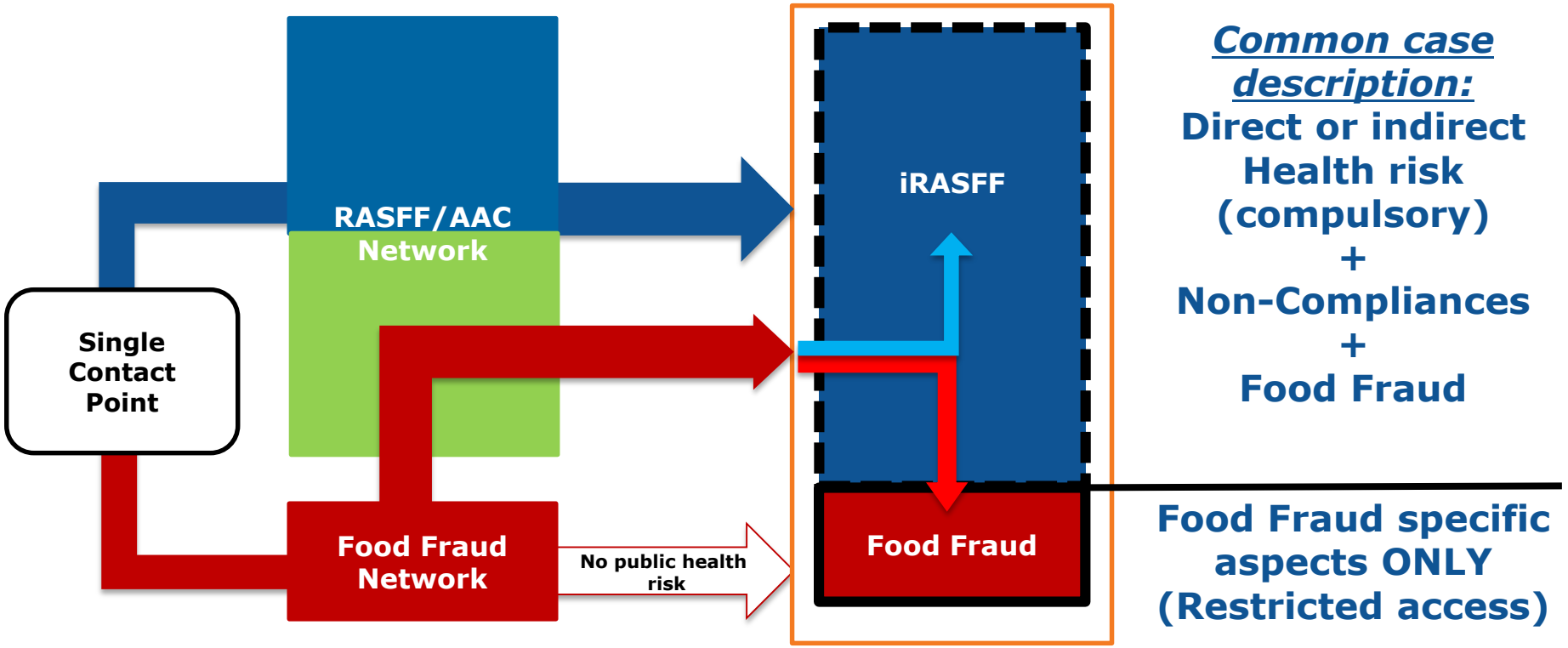
RASFF/AAC FUTURE FLOW

2 Networks **1 Platform (2 modules)** **Context**



Common case description:

Direct or indirect Health risk (compulsory)
+
Non-Compliances
+
Food Fraud

Food Fraud specific aspects ONLY (Restricted access)

Users see cases **according to the context**

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Risks and Opportunities

1. Risk: confusion with the RASFF tasks definition
2. Opportunity: RASFF and AAC scope are overlapping
3. Risk: Two systems to communicate and three networks
4. Opportunities: iRASFF V2.0 tool is now flexible enough to cope with RASFF and AAC situations.
5. Consequences: changes in RASFF implementing act(?)

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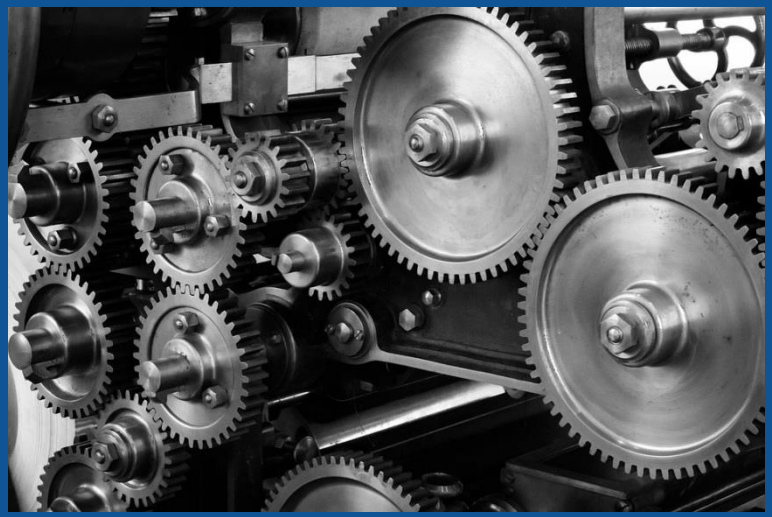
Certification and integration



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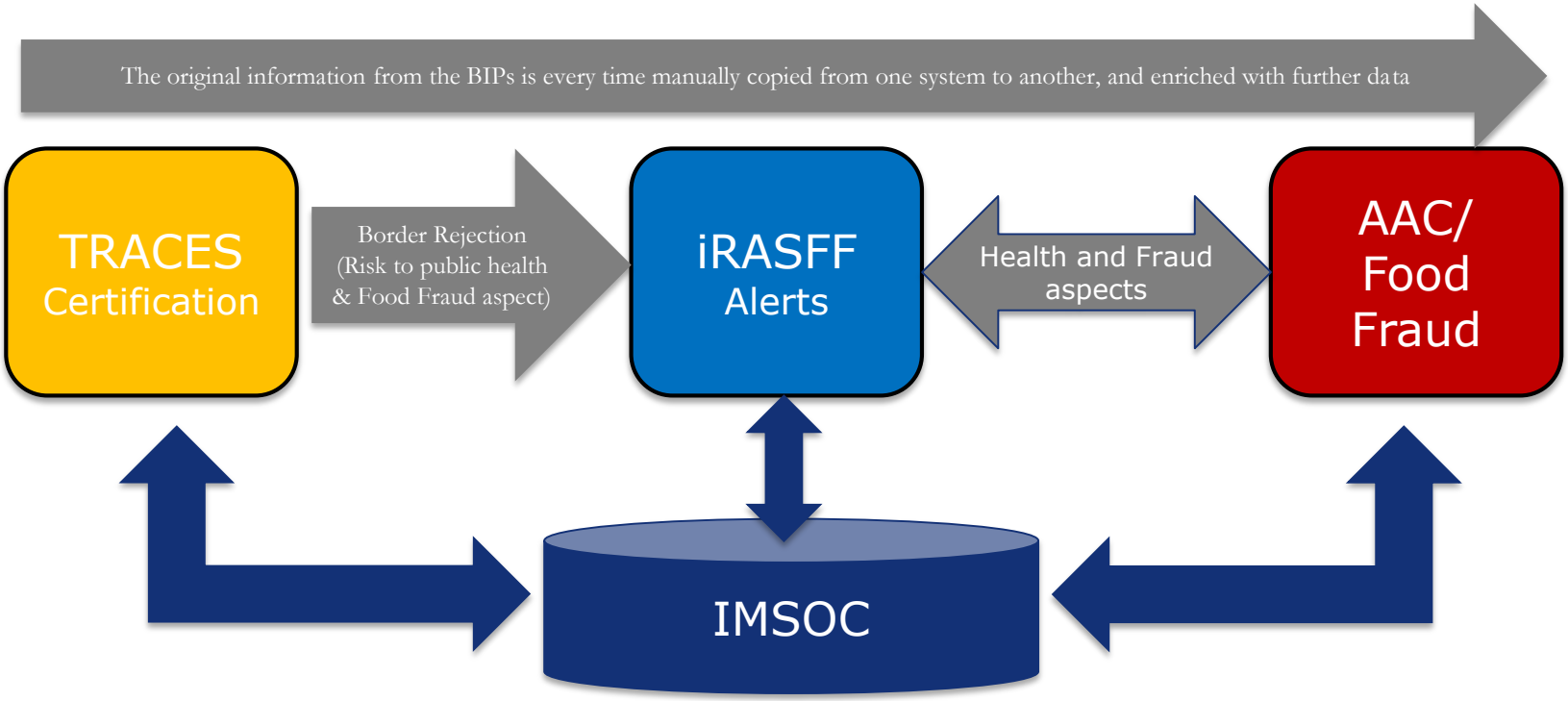
IMSOC TODAY – an example

IMSOC will make automatic what you are currently doing manually



IMSOC will be able to aggregate data on official controls from every system, and display it according to the "need to know" principle

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Opportunities

1. Streamline control process in the EU Single Market
2. Paperless flow opportunity for far more efficiency
3. Align control performances in EU
4. Better implement EU access restrictions in case of issue
5. Feeding a common knowledge base
6. Predictive analysis to better target controls and align performances

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Principles

1. Evolution and no revolution
2. Worldwide applicable standards for interoperability
3. Integration at EU level (effort on Commission side)
4. eIDAS EU regulation principles as basis for paperless
5. Personal data protection

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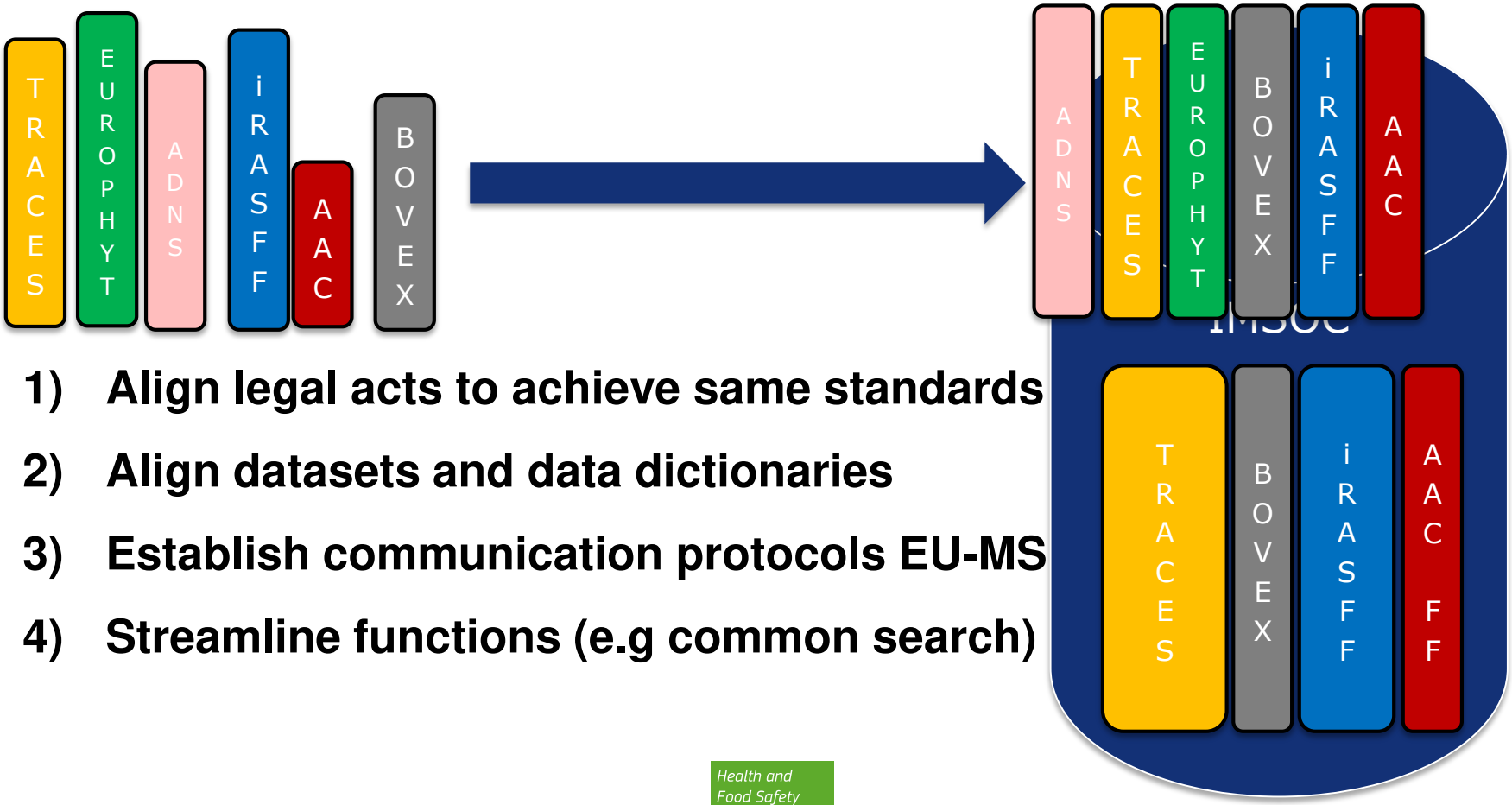
How to: IMSOC Step by Step



1) Align legal acts to achieve same standards
2) Align datasets and data dictionaries
3) Establish communication protocols EU-MS
4) Streamline functions (e.g common search)

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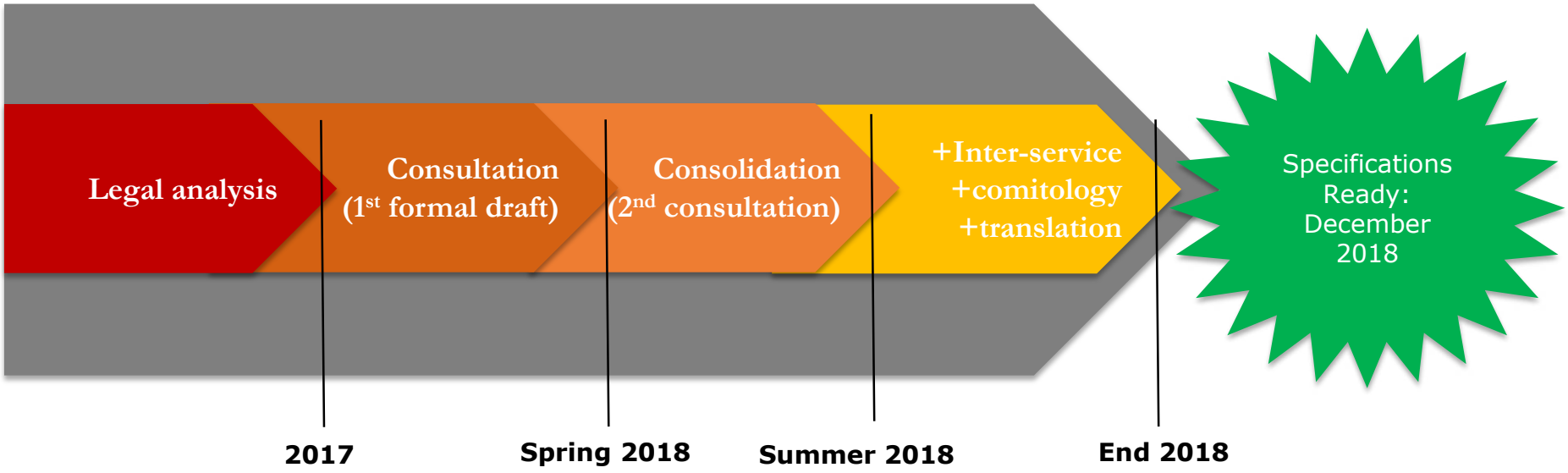
How to: Provisional legal timeline



Risks:

- Compliance with new Data Protection Rules (Privacy Impact Assessment)
- Alignment with General Food Law (RASFF)
- Member States agreement

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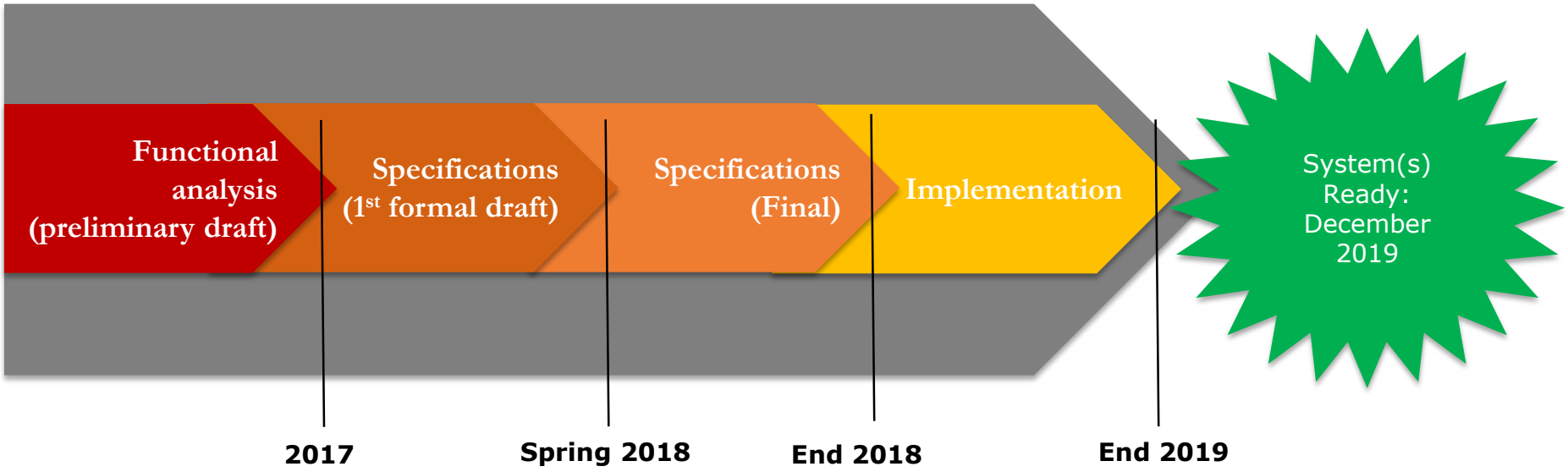
How to: Provisional IT timeline



Risks:

- Implementation delays
- Interoperability (both at MS and EU side)
- Agreement on eCertification

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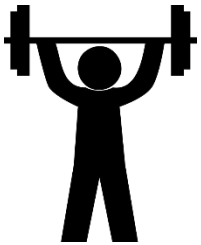
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

IMSOC will power up our control systems, and help us make our food even safer!



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