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Answer given by President Juncker
on behalf of the European Commission
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The rules on approval and listing of border inspection posts (BIPs) are laid down in Article 6 of Council Directive 91/496/EC (BIPs for live animals)¹ and in Article 6 of Council Directive 97/78/EC (BIPs for products of animal origin)².

According to those rules, any new BIPs must be proposed by the Member States in order to be approved and listed by the Commission in Decision 2009/821/EC³.

Depending on the complexity of building projects, the whole process of validation can take from a few days to many months.

The Commission has not carried out an assessment in relation to the authorisation of BIPs in Ireland away from the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex:31991L0496>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A31997L0078>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32009D0821>