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to the Commission**

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Subject: The Commission's compliance with procedures relating to authorised establishments in Western Sahara

Under Article 12(4)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 on the rules for official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption, if, within 20 working days of the Commission's notification, no Member State objects to the new or updated list of third countries and parts of third countries from which the import of specified products of animal origin is permitted, imports from establishments appearing on the list shall be authorised 10 working days after the day on which the Commission makes it available to the public.

In the case of the establishment Atlantic Tank Terminal, based in Laayoune in occupied Western Sahara, the Commission notified Member States on 27 December 2017 and published the list the following day. Authorisation for import also entered into force on 28 December 2017¹.

Why did the Commission fail to comply with the procedure set out under Article 12(4) of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 in this case?

¹ https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/output/MA/ABP-COL_MA_en.pdf