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Report Highlights:

Some 20 border inspection posts for animals and products have been approved at the new external EU borders in preparation of the EU accession of 10 central and eastern European countries on May 1, 2004.

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Currently there are some 283 EU Border Inspection Posts (BIPs) operated by national authorities. Most of these are ports and airports, others are road or rail links located in particular at the eastern borders of the Union. Upon accession on May 1, the existing BIPs on the eastern land borders of Germany, Austria and Italy will become internal borders within the EU. Commission Decision 2001/881/EC (http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2004/l_086/l_08620040324en00210026.pdf) closes those BIPs and approves a first series of 20 new border inspection posts at the new external EU border. An additional 15 to 20 posts are expected to be listed soon, i.e. by May 1.

Originally, 51 BIPs had been proposed by the 10 new Member States for approval. This means that not all BIPs have received the expected approval and some will have to be added after accession has taken place.

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