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1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit programme of DG Health and Consumers' Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) for the second half of 2012. It updates the plan for 2012 published in January last, taking account of the delivery to date and of modifications that had to be made to the programme.

Emergencies, other urgent issues and unforeseen circumstances may lead to further adjustments of the programme as the year progresses. Audits in response to emergencies can only be made by cancelling or postponing others.

The programme is also published at the DG Health and Consumers website:

http://www.ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/inspectprog/index_en.htm

The audit reports of the Food and Veterinary Office are published under the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/ir_search_en.cfm

2. Number and Distribution of Audits

As shown in table 1, a total of 107 audits are planned in the second half of 2012:

Table 1. Breakdown of audits in the second half of 2012 by main areas

Area	No. of Audits	%
Food Safety	78	73%
Animal Health	7	6%
Animal Welfare	4	4%
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	2	2%
Plant Health	4	4%
Food Quality Schemes	3	3%
General Follow-Up	9	8%
Total	107	100%

Audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (73%), although a large number of food safety audits also cover animal health and welfare elements. 12% of all audits will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 4% of audits are targeted at phytosanitary controls. Food quality schemes will be addressed by 3% of audits while general follow-up audits - to develop and/or update country profiles and to review overall progress on follow-up to FVO report recommendations - make up another 8% of the planned programme.

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of audits in the second half of 2012:

Table 2. Geographical breakdown of audits in the second half of 2012

Country	No. of Audits	%
EU-27	69	65%
Acceding and candidate countries	9	8%
Other third countries	29	27%
Total	107	100%

In the second half of 2012, 65% of the audits are planned in the European Union. 8% of audits will take place in acceding and candidate countries and 27% in other third countries. Taking into account that 13% of the audits in the EU will deal with Member States' import control systems, overall, controls with respect to third countries' export of feed, food, plants and animals in the second half of 2012 amount to 48% of the programme.

3. Updated list of audits in Member States in the second half of 2012

Table 3 provides an overview by area and sector on all audits planned in Member States in the second half of 2012. Some of the subjects may be combined into one single audit (compare [Annex 1](#) which lists all audits in Member States in alphabetical order).

Table 3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2012

GENERAL FOLLOW-UP		COUNTRY
General follow-up audits		Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom
FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin - Mammals	Hygiene package (meat/milk)	Austria, Germany, Slovakia
	Hygiene package (milk)	Netherlands
	Rabbit Meat	Belgium
	Gelatine	Belgium
	Horsemeat (slaughter/processing)	France
	Microbiological criteria	Czech Republic, Hungary, Spain
Food of Animal Origin – Mammals/Birds	Mechanically separated meat	France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands
Food of Animal Origin - Birds	Poultry meat / poultry meat products	Austria, Estonia
	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Portugal
Food of Animal Origin – Fish	Live bivalve molluscs	Denmark, Italy

Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues and contaminants (in live animals and animal products)	Bulgaria, Germany
	Dioxins in Baltic Sea fish	Denmark
FOOD OF PLANT ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Pesticides	Marketing and use of pesticides	Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia
Food – Processing and Distribution	Contaminants	Denmark
Genetically modified organisms	Seed production	Hungary
	Cultivation and market controls	Romania, Netherlands
Food of plant origin	Primary production – fact-finding	France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands
FEED AND ANIMAL NUTRITION		COUNTRY
Feed Safety	Management of risks and traceability	Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden
ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE		COUNTRY
Animal Health	Classical swine fever (CSF) control and monitoring programme	Bulgaria, Romania
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	Contingency planning / depopulation for disease control	Portugal, Finland
Animal Welfare	Welfare on farms and during transport	France, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania,
PLANT HEALTH		COUNTRY
Plant Health	Potatoes	Netherlands
	Plant pest outbreaks	<i>Pseudomonas syringae pv. actinidiae</i> (kiwi vine canker) Italy
FOOD QUALITY		COUNTRY
Organic Farming	Organic production and labelling of organic products	Poland
Geographical Indications Schemes	Protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications, traditional specialities guaranteed	United Kingdom
IMPORT CONTROLS		COUNTRY
Import Controls	Live animals and animal products (BIP based controls)	United Kingdom, Spain, France, Portugal, Germany
	Live animals and animal products (non-BIP based controls)	Ireland
	Food of plant origin	Spain, Poland
	Plant health	Spain

4. Updated list of audits in Acceding and Candidate Countries in the second half of 2012

A key priority for the second half of 2012 will be to verify Croatia's continued preparations to assume the responsibilities of membership upon accession on 1 July 2013. Audits are also planned in Iceland where the FVO will participate in an audit by the EFTA Surveillance Agency (ESA), as well as in Serbia and Turkey where audits are targeted at specific export sectors.

Table 4. Audits in Acceding and Candidate Countries in the second half of 2012

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin	Food-processing establishments (meat and milk)	Croatia
	Food-processing establishments (fishery products)	Croatia
	Export of fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	Turkey
Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import/transit control system and border inspection posts	Croatia Iceland * * joint audit with ESA
Food of Non-Animal Origin	Contaminants (aflatoxin in hazelnuts and dried figs)	Turkey
	Pesticides	Serbia
Animal By-Products (ABP)	ABP and derived products	Croatia - combined with BSE audit
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)	BSE	Croatia - combined with ABP audit
General Follow-up Audit "Enlargement"	General follow-up	Croatia

A list of audits, categorised by candidate country in alphabetical order, is shown in [Annex 2](#).

5. Updated list of audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2012

In third countries, 29 audits are planned for the second semester of 2012, as shown in table 5. As usual, the readiness of application files (such as, for example, timely replies by competent authorities to pre-audit questionnaires), but also certain specific regional circumstances (e.g. security considerations), are major conditions for the completion of the audit programme. Therefore, a number of third country audits can only be programmed provisionally at this stage.

Table 5. Audits in Third Countries in the second half 2012

(Some of the subjects below are combined into one audit, as shown in [Annex 3](#) which lists all audits categorised by country in alphabetical order.)

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin – Mammals	Fresh meat / beef	New Caledonia
	Horsemeat	Australia
	Farmed game meat	New Caledonia ¹⁾
	Rabbit meat	China
	Sheepmeat and pigmeat	Australia
	Meat products / minced meat / meat preparations	Argentina, New Caledonia
	Casings	China
	Gelatine	Argentina, China
Food of Animal Origin – Mammals	Fishery products	Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Mexico, United States, China
	(Live) bivalve molluscs	China
	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	Korea, Republic of, Viet Nam
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Contaminants (aflatoxins)	Azerbaijan, Egypt, Nicaragua
	Food additives	China
	Pesticides	China
Food Quality	Organic production	India
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	Albania, Cuba, Ecuador, New Zealand, Viet Nam
Animal Health	General animal health	Switzerland
	Horses	Brazil
	Fresh meat	Argentina
	Poultry meat	Morocco
	Spring viraemia of carp	China
Plant health	Fruit and vegetables / plants for planting	Thailand

1) combined with audits on fresh meat/beef and meat products/minced meat/meat preparations

**Annex 1: Audits in Member States July to December 2012,
by country in alphabetical order**

MEMBER STATE	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Belgique/België</u> <u>(Belgium)</u>	Rabbit meat; gelatine General follow-up – post general audit review	2012-6353 2012-6412
<u>България</u> <u>(Bulgaria)</u>	General follow-up – post general audit review Classical swine fever control and monitoring programme Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2012-6413 2012-6602 2012-6524
<u>Česká republika</u> <u>(Czech Republic)</u>	Feed safety (feed marketing) <i>Salmonella</i> control programmes Microbiological criteria	2012-6487 2012-6439 2012-6369
<u>Danmark</u> <u>(Denmark)</u>	Dioxins in Baltic Sea fish Bivalve molluscs Contaminants	2012-6521 2012-6516 2012-6276
<u>Deutschland</u> <u>(Germany)</u>	Hygiene package (meat/milk) Mechanically separated meat Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products) Primary production of food of non-animal origin (<i>fact-finding</i>) Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2012-6344 2012-6355 2012-6530 2012-6616 2012-6517
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	General follow-up – post general audit review Poultry meat/poultry meat products	2012-6415 2012-6440
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls) General follow-up – post general audit review	2012-6494 2012-6418
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes	2012-6430
<u>España (Spain)</u>	Import controls - plant health Import controls of food of non-animal origin Microbiological criteria Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2012-6313 2012-6284 2012-6368 <i>to be confirmed</i>
<u>France</u>	Horsemeat Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) Primary production of food of non-animal origin (<i>fact-finding</i>) Animal welfare on farms and during transport Mechanically separated meat	2012-6354 2012-6511 2012-6614 2012-6446 2012-6434
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Mechanically separated meat Plant pest outbreaks (kiwi vine canker) Primary production of food of non-animal origin (<i>fact-finding</i>) Bivalve molluscs Feed safety (feed marketing)	2012-6359 2012-6314 2012-6615 2012-6542 2012-6492
<u>Κύπρος</u> <u>(Kypros)/Kıbrıs</u> <u>(Cyprus)</u>	---	

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	Feed safety (feed marketing) Pesticides Animal welfare on farms and during transport	2012-6482 2012-6294 2012-6525
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Animal welfare on farms and during transport	2012-6526
<u>Luxembourg</u>	---	
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	Microbiological criteria Genetically modified seeds	2012-6356 2012-6303
<u>Malta</u>	---	
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	Hygiene package (milk) Potatoes - plant health Primary production of food of non-animal origin (<i>fact-finding</i>) Genetically modified food, feed and seed; cultivation of genetically modified plants including environmental release Mechanically separated meat	2012-6358 2012-6315 2012-6617 2012-6312 2012-6367
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	Poultry meat/poultry meat products Hygiene package (meat/milk)	2012-6437 2012-6341
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	General follow-up – post general audit review Organic production and labelling of organic products <i>Salmonella</i> control programmes Import controls of food of non-animal origin	2012-6428 2012-6569 2012-6442 2012-6297
<u>Portugal</u>	Contingency planning, depopulation for disease control <i>Salmonella</i> control programmes Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) Pesticides	2012-6402 2012-6456 2012-6513 2012-6298
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Genetically modified food, feed and seed; cultivation of genetically modified plants including environmental release Classical swine fever control and monitoring programme General follow-up – post general audit review Animal welfare on farms and during transport	2012-6306 2012-6585 2012-6422 2012-6374
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	Pesticides	2012-6295
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Feed safety (feed marketing) General follow-up – post general audit review Hygiene package (meat/milk)	2012-6493 2012-6423 2012-6366
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	Contingency planning, depopulation for disease control	2012-6401
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	Feed safety (feed marketing)	2012-6483
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) Geographical indications schemes General follow-up – post general audit review	2012-6582 2012-6570 2012-6424

Annex 2: Audits in Acceding and Candidate Countries July to December 2012, by country in alphabetical order

<u>ACCEDING COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u>	Upgrading of food-processing establishments (fresh meat, milk)	2012-6351
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2012-6509
	General follow-up - enlargement	2012-6427
	Upgrading of food-processing establishments (fishery products)	2012-6549
	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) – <i>combined with ABP audit</i>	2012-6595
	Animal by-products (ABP) – <i>combined with BSE audit</i>	2012-6597
<u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Србија / Serbia</u>	Pesticides	2012-6299
<u>Ísland - Iceland</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) – <i>joint audit with ESA</i>	2012-6625
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	2012-6544
	Contaminants	2012-6292

Annex 3: Audits in Third Countries July to December 2012, by country in alphabetical order

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>AL - Albania</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2012-6536
<u>AR - Argentina</u>	Meat products, minced meat, meat preparations; gelatine	2012-6360
	General animal health	2012-6399
<u>AU - Australia</u>	Horsemeat, sheepmeat, pigmeat	2012-6361
<u>AZ - Azerbaijan</u>	Contaminants	2012-6296
<u>BR - Brazil</u>	Live horses - animal health	2012-6398
<u>CH - Switzerland</u>	General animal health	2012-6389
<u>CN - China</u>	Pesticides	2012-6289
	Aquaculture - animal health (spring viraemia of carp)	2012-6574
	Food additives	2012-6283
	(Live) bivalve molluscs	2012-6467

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
	Fishery products Gelatine Rabbit meat; casings	2012-6539 2012-6336 2012-6362
<u>CU - Cuba</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2012-6537
<u>EC - Ecuador</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2012-6538
<u>EG - Egypt</u>	Contaminants	2012-6324
<u>FK - Falkland Islands (Malvinas)</u>	Fishery products	2012-6519
<u>IN - India</u>	Organic production	2012-6571
<u>KR - Korea, Republic of</u>	Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs	2012-6466
<u>MA - Morocco</u>	Poultry - animal health	2012-6573
<u>MX - Mexico</u>	Fishery products	2012-6550
<u>NC - New Caledonia</u>	Farmed game meat; fresh meat, meat products	2012-6363
<u>NI - Nicaragua</u>	Contaminants	2012-6291
<u>NZ - New Zealand</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2012-6533
<u>TH - Thailand</u>	Produce and plants for planting - plant health	2012-6317
<u>US - United States</u>	Fishery products	2012-6541
<u>VN - Viet Nam</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products) Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs	2012-6535 2012-6547

