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1. Introduction

This document sets out the planned audit programme of DG Health and Consumers' Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) in the area of food safety and quality, animal health and welfare, and plant health for the second half of 2014. It updates the work programme for 2014 published in November 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 published on the website of DG Health and Consumers:

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

The audit reports and overview reports of the Food and Veterinary Office are available under the following links:

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

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/specialreports/overview_search_en.cfm

Finally, an overview of the FVO's activities in the area of human health (assessments in the fields of medical devices and audits on active pharmaceutical ingredients), as well as a list of FVO activities other than audits can be found in the full work programme for 2014 on the same website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/inspectprog/prog_audit_2014_en.pdf

2. Number and Distribution of Audits in the second half of 2014

As shown in table 1, a total of 92 audits are planned for the second half of 2014 programme.

Table 1. Breakdown of Audits in the second half of 2014 by Main Areas:

Area	No. of Audits	%
Food Safety	59	64%
Food Quality	8	9%
Animal Health	5	5%
Animal Welfare	4	4%
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	2	2%
Plant Health/Seeds	8	9%
General Follow-Up	6	7%
Total	92	100%

As usual, audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (64%). A large number of food safety audits naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements.

In addition, 11% of audits will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 9% of audits are targeted at phytosanitary controls and seeds.

Around 9% of controls will be in the area of food quality (organic farming and geographical indicators¹). General follow-up audits make up another 7% of the planned programme.

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of those audits

Table 2. Geographical Breakdown of Audits in the second half of 2014:

Country	No. of Audits	%
EU-28	64	70%
Acceding and Candidate countries	2	2%
Other third countries	26	28%
Total	92	100%

In the second half of 2014, 70% of the audits will take place in the European Union. 2% of audits are planned in acceding and candidate countries and 28% in other third countries.

Taking into account that about 14% of the audits in the EU deal with Member States' import control systems, overall, controls of third countries' exports of feed, food, plants and animals amount to 40% of the programme.

3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2014

The FVO has identified a number of cross-cutting priorities which it will address horizontally, i.e. from various angles and across several sectors. Aquaculture, for example, will be assessed covering public health, animal health, feed, labelling and traceability aspects.

Cross-cutting priorities and horizontal themes will usually be analysed through desk studies first in order to gain a thorough overview of the topic, identify potentially problematic areas and prioritise audits. Subsequent audit series will be targeted, organised and carried out within a short period to ensure the comparability and prompt delivery of the results. The results of these projects will be summarized in overview reports which will also form the basis for meetings with Member States experts in the framework of the Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) programme planned for 2014/15, to discuss common problems identified and exchange best practice.

An overview of all audits planned in Member States in the second half of 2014 is provided in Table 3:

¹ Protected Denominations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI), Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSG)

Table 3. Audits 2014 in Member States in the second half of 2014

CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES		COUNTRY
Food Quality – Organic Farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products		Czech Republic, Finland, Malta, Netherlands
Food Quality – Geographical Indicators (PDO, PGI, TSG)		Netherlands, Slovenia
Aquaculture		Ireland (<i>study visit</i>), Croatia
OTHER HORIZONTAL PROJECTS		COUNTRY
Use and labelling of food additives		<i>(integrated in relevant sectoral audits)</i>
Post-Slaughter Traceability of Meat, Meat Products and Preparations, and Composite Products		Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland
GENERAL FOLLOW-UP		COUNTRY
General follow-up audits		Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Ireland, Romania
FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin - Mammals	Hygiene package: meat / milk	Denmark, Sweden
Food of Animal Origin - Birds	Hygiene package: poultry meat and products derived therefrom	Poland
	Salmonella national control programmes on poultry populations	Belgium, Portugal
Food of Animal Origin - Fish	Fishery products	Germany, Greece
	Bivalve molluscs	Greece
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues and controls on veterinary medicinal products	Greece
FOOD OF PLANT ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Primary production	Primary production	France, Romania, Spain
Food – Processing and Distribution	Food contaminants	United Kingdom
Genetically modified organisms	Import, traceability, labelling and GMO trial	United Kingdom

FEED AND ANIMAL NUTRITION			COUNTRY
Animal By-products (ABP)/TSEs	Traceability of ABP and derived products		Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE			COUNTRY
Animal Health	EU funded eradication programmes	Bovine Tuberculosis	United Kingdom
		<i>Brucella melitensis</i>	Portugal
	Approved bodies under Directive 92/65 (controls of notifiable diseases)		Hungary, Poland
	Bee health		Spain
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	Contingency planning / slaughter for disease control		France, Romania
Animal Welfare	Welfare at slaughter and related operations		Belgium, Netherlands
PLANT HEALTH			COUNTRY
Plant health	Plant pest outbreaks	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	Italy
		Kiwi vine canker <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>Actinidae</i>	Spain
	Potatoes		Poland
	Surveillance and risk identification/management (fact-finding)		Germany, Hungary
IMPORT CONTROLS			COUNTRY
Import Controls	Live animals and products of animal origin	Import control system	Malta (combined with audit on TRACES), Romania (combined with audit on TRACES and on imports of food of plant origin)
		TRACES	Finland, Netherlands, Slovakia, Malta (combined with audit on import control system), Romania (combined with audit on import controls and imports of food of plant origin)
	Food of plant origin		Bulgaria, Romania (combined with audits on TRACES and imports of live animals and products of animal origin)

An alphabetical list of audits in Member States, by country, is given in [Annex 1](#).

4. Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2014

Two animal welfare audits are planned in the second semester of 2014, as shown in table 4:

Table 4. Audits 2014 in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2014

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Animal Welfare	On farm, at transport and during slaughter	Serbia
	At Transport and during slaughter	Turkey

5. Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2014

In third countries, the FVO verifies that competent authorities correctly apply relevant EU standards or their equivalent with respect to animals, plants and products intended for export to the European Union.

The readiness of application files (such as timely replies by competent authorities to pre-audit questionnaires) and 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.

Table 5. Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2014

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin – Mammals	Fresh meat (equine meat), meat products, minced meat, meat preparations	Brazil
	Fresh meat (beef, ovine and equine meat)	Argentina
	Fresh meat (pork), meat products, minced meat, meat preparations and casings	Australia
	Fresh meat (ovine), meat products, minced meat, meat preparations and casings	New Zealand
	Milk and casings	Russian Federation
	Casings	Argentina, Egypt, Lebanon

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin - Fish	Fishery products	Georgia, Kazakhstan, Cuba <i>(combined with residues audit)</i>
	Fishery products and bivalve molluscs	Argentina
	Bivalve molluscs	Vietnam
Food of Non - Animal Origin	Primary production of seeds for sprouting	Australia, China <i>(follow-up)</i> , India
	Pesticides	South Africa, Cambodia <i>(combined with plant health audit)</i>
Food Quality	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	Israel
	Organic production - equivalent control bodies	<i>(control bodies to be decided)</i>
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues and controls on veterinary medicinal products	Belarus, Cuba <i>(combined with fishery products audit)</i>
Feed Safety	Pet food	China
Plant Health	Plants and plant products	India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia <i>(combined with pesticides audit)</i>

(Annex 3 lists all audits categorised by country in alphabetical order.)

Annex 1: Audits in Member States in the second half of 2014, by country in alphabetical order

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Belgique/ België (Belgium)</u>	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2014-7152
	Animal welfare at the time of slaughter	2014-7059
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	Import controls of food of plant origin	2014-7187
	General follow-up	2014-7004
<u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u>	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2014-7099
	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7068
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	General follow-up	2014-7007
	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2014-7228
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7065
	Fishery products	2014-7134
	Surveillance and risk identification/management - plant health	2014-7202
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	Aquaculture	2014-7125
	General follow-up	2014-7010
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2014-7027
	Fishery products	2014-7128
	Live bivalve molluscs	2014-7127
<u>España (Spain)</u>	Plant pest outbreaks (Kiwi vine canker)	2014-7194
	Bee health	2014-7053
	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7041
	Primary production	2014-7174
<u>France</u>	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7042
	Primary production	2014-7172
	Contingency plans	2014-7044
<u>Hrvatska (Croatia)</u>	General follow-up	2014-7005
	Aquaculture	2014-7339
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Plant pest outbreak (<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>)	2014-7327
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7062
	Post-slaughter traceability	2014-7230
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Post-slaughter traceability	2014-7106
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Post-slaughter traceability	2014-7232
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	Surveillance and risk identification/management - plant health	2014-7201
	Approved bodies under Dir. 92/65	2014-7048
	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7071
<u>Malta</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2014-7003
	TRACES (<i>both import control audits combined</i>)	2014-7006
	Organic farming	2014-7300

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	Animal welfare at the time of slaughter	2014-7078
	TRACES	2014-7024
	Geographical indications scheme	2014-7109
	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2014-7105
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	General follow-up	2014-7001
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	Approved bodies under Dir. 92/65	2014-7049
	Poultry meat/poultry meat products	2014-7160
	Post-slaughter traceability	2014-7237
	Potatoes - plant health	2014-7204
<u>Portugal</u>	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7069
	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2014-7161
	Brucellosis eradication programme	2014-7250
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Primary production	2014-7173
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2014-7022
	TRACES	2014-7023
	Import controls of food of plant origin (<i>the three import control audits combined</i>)	2014-7188
	Contingency plans	2014-7045
	General follow-up	2014-7016
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	Geographical indications scheme	2014-7102
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	TRACES	2014-7021
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	TRACES	2014-7026
	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2014-7101
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7040
	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2014-7229
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Contaminants	2014-7167
	Tuberculosis eradication programme	2014-7055
	Genetically modified food and feed, and environmental release of GMOs	2014-7209
	Traceability of ABP and derived products	2014-7070

Annex 2: Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2014, by country in alphabetical order

<u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Србија (Serbia)</u>	General animal welfare (on farms, during transport and at slaughter)	2014-7084
<u>Türkiye (Turkey)</u>	Animal welfare during transport and at the time of slaughter	2014-7086

Annex 3: Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2014, by country in alphabetical order

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>AR - Argentina</u>	Fresh bovine meat	2014-7226
	Fresh equine meat – animal casing	2014-7296
	Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs	2014-7130
<u>AU - Australia</u>	Fresh meat – animal casing	2014-7222
	Primary production	2014-7176
<u>BR - Brazil</u>	Fresh meat, meat preparations	2014-7234
<u>BY - Belarus</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2014-7032
<u>CN - China</u>	Primary Production (follow-up)	2014-7271
	Pet food	2014-7076
<u>CU - Cuba</u>	Fishery products	2014-7146
	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products) (<i>both audits combined</i>)	2014-7335
<u>EG - Egypt</u>	Animal casings	2014-7236
<u>GE - Georgia</u>	Fishery products	2014-7133
<u>IL - Israel</u>	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2014-7301
<u>IN - India</u>	Fruit and vegetables, cut flowers and planting material – plant health	2014-7205
	Primary production	2014-7170
<u>KH - Cambodia</u>	Plant health- fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, planting material	2014-7206
	Pesticides (<i>both audits combined</i>)	2014-7299
<u>KZ - Kazakhstan</u>	Fishery products	2014-7137
<u>LB - Lebanon</u>	Animal casings	2014-7235
<u>LK - Sri Lanka</u>	Fruit and vegetables, cut flowers and planting material - plant health	2014-7207
<u>NZ - New Zealand</u>	Fresh meat; animal casings	2014-7233
<u>RU - Russian Federation</u>	Milk; casings	2014-7227
<u>VN - Viet Nam</u>	Fishery products; bivalve molluscs	2014-7147
<u>ZA - South Africa</u>	Pesticides	2014-7186

In addition, one audit in a third country will be performed on organic production standards and control measures applied by a recognised control body (reference number 2014 -7097).

