



Food and Veterinary Office Programme of Audits and Inspections 2008

















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1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit and inspection programme of DG Health and Consumer Protection for 2008 with a detailed plan for January to December.

Careful consideration has been given - together with competent authorities in Member States - to the scheduling of inspections in Member States to avoid a disproportionate burden by control visits during a particular period.

There is always a degree of uncertainty attached to any SANCO inspection plan. Of necessity, it must remain flexible to enable it to respond to emergencies, other urgent issues and unforeseen circumstances. As in previous years, adjustments to the plan will be required as the year progresses. Inspections in response to emergencies can only be made by cancelling or postponing planned missions. Also, the carrying out of certain inspections will depend on the timely availability of resources as well as, in the case of certain third countries, the timely availability of information required to allow the mission to take place..

An update of the programme will therefore, as usual, be presented in June 2008.

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

http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fvo/inspectprog/index_en.htm

2. Number and distribution of audits and inspections

The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) has scheduled 256 audits and inspections for 2008. Of these, a capacity of around 65 specific audits has been set aside for the general audits planned in 6 Member States in 2008 (see chapter 3.1. General Audits).

As shown in table 1, these 65 specific audits make up a quarter of all planned audits and inspections in 2008 and will be carried out across all areas of the food chain including animal welfare and plant health. The majority of the remaining inspections will deal with food safety issues (54%). However, in line with the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety inspections naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements. 4 and 3% of inspections, respectively, will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and 4% of inspections are targeted at phytosanitary controls. General reviews - inspections to develop and/or update country profiles and to review overall progress on follow-up to FVO report recommendations - make up a further 9% of the planned audits and inspections.

An overview on the geographical breakdown of audits and inspections is given in table 2: The majority of inspections will take place in the European Union (64%). In EFTA countries, 2% of inspections are planned, while 4% of inspections will take place in candidate countries, and 30% in other third countries.



Table 1: Breakdown of audits and inspections 2008 by main areas:

AREA	No. of audits and inspections	%
General Audits	65	26
Food safety	139	54
Animal health	11	4
Animal welfare	8	3
Plant health	11	4
General review	22	9
Total	256	100

Table 2: Geographical breakdown of audits and inspections 2008:

COUNTRY	No. of audits and inspections	%
EU-27	165	64
EFTA countries	4	2
Candidate countries	11	4
Other third countries	76	30
Total	256	100

3. Audits and inspections in Member States

3.1. General Audit Member States

Following on from the two pilot audits in Austria and the Netherlands in 2007, the FVO will carry out six general audits in the framework of the Official Feed and Food Controls Regulation 1 in 2008. Main purpose of the general audits, in accordance with Article 45 of the Regulation is to verify that, overall, official controls take place in Member States in accordance with the multi-annual national control plans referred to in Article 41 of the Regulation and in compliance with Community law. Thus, Article 45 introduces an integrative approach to the Office's audit activities.

¹ Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules.



The general audits will be supplemented by specific audits targeted at specific areas and sectors across all main control systems (compare Table 4) in Member States. The list of specific audits for each Member State is determined by combining the regular prioritisation process with a desk analysis of the Member States' multi-annual national control plans and additional information such as Member State's own audit reports.

2008 is the first year of a foreseen three year cycle of general audits in all Member States.

Table 3: General audits in Member States in 2008

GENERAL AUDITS	Member States
	Estonia
A capacity of 65	Germany
specific audits across all control systems	Hungary
	Ireland
	Slovakia
	Spain

3.2. Other Member States

Table 4 gives an overview on inspections planned in the remaining 21 Member States by area and subject:

Table 4: Inspections 2008 in Member States (except general audit Member States)

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Control System for Animal Health	Disease Contingency plans	EL, PL
	Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Eradication Control Programmes	EL, PL
	Classical Swine Fever Eradication Control Programme	RO, BG
	African Swine Fever and Swine Vesicular Disease Eradication Control Programmes	IT
	Intra-community trade in live animals	SI, SE, LT, BE* *carry-over from 2007



ADEA/SECTOR COUNTRY/DECION		
AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	Salmonella control programmes / Table Eggs	BE, IT, CZ
	Babyfood	UK
Control System for Food of Animal Origin	Hygiene Package	IT, PL, BG, RO, EL, CY, FR, LT, BE, CZ, LV, LU, DK, NL*, SI, AT* *carry-over from 2007
	Poultry Meat	FR
	Production and storage of food of animal origin / imports to the EU	ES (Ceuta)* *carry-over from 2007, not part of general audit
Control System for Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import / transit controls / Border Inspection Posts (BIPs)	BE, CZ, DK, BG, RO, PL, FR, PT, UK
Control system for Feeding stuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed safety	EL
Control System for	BSE	BG, RO, FR, BE
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies / Animal	Scrapie	BG, RO, EL
By-Products	Animal By-Products	BG, RO, MT, FR, UK, IT
Control System for Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	EL, PT
	Genetically modified feed and food	RO, FR, BG
Control System for Foodstuffs and Food Hygiene	Food contact materials and use of food additives	DK
	Food hygiene I/ HACCP	PT, FI, CZ, RO
Control System for Imports of Food of Plant Origin	Import controls	RO, BG
Control System for Plant Protection Products	Pesticides	RO, BG
Control System for Animal	Transport and slaughter	BE, IT, UK
Welfare	Farms, transport and slaughter	PL, LT, RO, BG
Control System for Plant	Protected zones (Daktylosphaira vitifoliae, Ips sexdentatus, Leptinotarsa decemlineata)	СҮ
Health	Outbreaks (PT: Bursaphelenchus xylophilus IT: Rynchophorus ferrugineus UK: Phytophthora kernoviae NL: Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid)	PT, IT, UK, NL* * (carry-over inspection from 2007, including scientific imports)



GENERAL REVIEWS	
General review missions	AT, BG, BE, CY, CZ, DK, FR, EL, LU, LV, LT, MT, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, UK

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 1.

4. Inspections in EFTA Countries

The majority of inspections in EFTA countries will be done in the framework of the agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA agreement) and agreements between the European Union and Switzerland. A number of missions will be joint missions between the EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) and the FVO.

Table 5: SANCO Inspection Programme 2008 in EFTA Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	Red meat / Meat products, Milk / Dairy products	Switzerland
Food of Animal Origin	Fish / Fishery products	Iceland
	Import controls on products of animal origin and live animals	Switzerland
Feedingstuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed additives and Pre- mixtures	Switzerland

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 2.

5. Inspections in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans

The Food and Veterinary Office continues to evaluate the progress candidate countries are making in their preparations for accession. 2008 will see inspections to Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on a wide range of food safety, animal health and animal welfare issues. General reviews of follow-up to FVO recommendations and with a view to continuing the development of country profiles, will accompany the programme in candidate countries. The FVO will also carry out general reviews in two Western Balkan countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania.



Table 6: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007 in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans

AREA/SECTOR	COUNTRY/REGION	
Control Systems for Food of Animal Origin	General review Animal and Public Health	Croatia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(and Animal Health)	Fish / Fishery products	Turkey
Control System for Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import controls / Border Inspection Posts	Turkey
Control Systems for Foodstuffs and Food Hygiene, for Imports of Food of Plant Origin and for Plant Protection Products	Food of Plant Origin	Croatia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Control System for Animal Welfare	Farm – Transport – Slaughter	Croatia

GENERAL REVIEW MISSIONS "ENLARGEMENT" (CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES)		
General review missions	Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Albania	

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 3.

6. Inspections in Third Countries

In third countries, the FVO needs to ensure 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 majority of audits and inspections will focus on the assessment of eligibility/approvals for export. Various factors play a role in the selection of inspections in third countries, such as size of the existing trade and potential health risks associated with the goods to be exported to the EU. In addition, notifications to the rapid alert systems for feed and food (RASFF) and plant health (EUROPHYT) also play an important role in prioritising inspections.

While the main part of these inspections is targeted at a review of existing approvals of major trade partners and follow-up to previous missions, there are also a number of new requests for approval which will need to be evaluated. The readiness of application files (such as, for example, timely replies by competent authorities to pre-mission questionnaires), but also certain specific regional circumstances (e.g. security considerations), are major conditions for the completion of the inspection programme. Therefore, a number of third country inspections can only be programmed provisionally at this stage.



Table 7: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007 in Third Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	Pre-listing evaluation	Hong-Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Moldova,
		Russia, Singapore
	Poultry / Poultry Meat / Poultry Meat Products / Eggs	China, Israel, Moldova
		Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Brazil
Food of Animal	Red Meat / Meat Products	Namibia, New Zealand, Paraguay,
Origin	Troducts	South Africa, Swaziland, Uruguay
(incl. Animal	,	Australia, India, New Zealand,
Health aspects where	Milk / Dairy Products	Russia, Ukraine, USA
applicable)		Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, China, Eritrea,
	Fish / Fishery Products	Faroe Islands, Ghana, Greenland, India, Israel,
	/ Live Bivalve Molluscs (incl. aquaculture where appropriate)	Japan, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Mauritania, Mauritius,
		Namibia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea,
		Rep. Congo, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, USA
Feeding Stuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed Additives and Pre-Mixtures	India, Japan
TSEs and	Gelatine	India
Animal By- products	Pet food of animal origin	China
Veterinary Medicines and	Residues (live animals/animal	Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador,
Residues	products)	Mexico, Russia
	Contaminants (mycotoxins)	Azerbaijan, Egypt, Turkey*, Uzbekistan (* export-related inspection)
Food of Plant Origin / Foodstuffs and Food Hygiene	Contaminants (additives, illegal dyes) and Food Contact Materials	China
	Genetically modified Feed and Food	China, USA
	Food irradiation	India
Plant	Pesticides	Argentina, Dominican Republic,
Protection Products		Russia, Thailand
Plant Health	Derogations	South Africa



AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	General monitoring	China, Israel, Japan (bonsai exports), Thailand, USA (<i>Bemisia</i> control)

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 4.



Annex 1: Inspections in Member States, by Country in alphabetical order

MEMBER STATE	<u>Subject</u>
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	 General Review Classical Swine Fever Eradication Control Programme Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Genetically Modified Feed and Food Import Controls (Food of Plant Origin) Pesticides Animal by-Products Animal Welfare – Farms / Transport / Slaughter BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin) Scrapie
Belgique/België (Belgium)	 General Review Salmonella Control Programmes / Table Eggs Animal Welfare (during Transport / Slaughter) BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin) Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Intra-Community Trade in Live Animals
<u>Česká republika (Czech</u> <u>Republic)</u>	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Salmonella Control Programmes / Table Eggs Food Hygiene I / HACCP² Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin)
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Food Contact Materials and Use of Food Additives Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin)
Deutschland (Germany)	General Audit
Eesti (Estonia)	General Audit
Ελλάδα (Greece)	 General Review Disease Contingency Plans Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Eradication Control Programmes Feed Safety Residues (Live Animals/Animal Products) Scrapie

² HACCP = Hazard analysis and critical control points

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MEMBER STATE	SUBJECT
España (Spain)	• General Audit ³
<u>France</u>	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Poultry Meat Genetically Modified Feed and Food Animal by-Products BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin)
Ireland	General Audit
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	 African Swine Fever and Swine Vesicular Disease Eradication Control Programmes Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Salmonella Control Programmes / Table Eggs Plant Pest Outbreaks (<i>Rynchophorus ferrugineus</i>) Animal by-Products Animal Welfare (during Transport / Slaughter)
<u>Κὑπρος (Kypros)/Kıbrıs</u> (Cyprus)	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Protected Zones (Daktylosphaira vitifoliae, Ips sexdentatus, Leptinotarsa decemlineata) - (Plant Health)
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	General ReviewHygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Intra-Community Trade in Live Animals Animal Welfare – Farms / Transport / Slaughter
Luxembourg	General ReviewHygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin
Magyarország (Hungary)	General Audit
<u>Malta</u>	General ReviewAnimal by-Products
Nederland (Netherlands)	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Plant Pest Outbreaks (Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid); Scientific Imports
Österreich (Austria)	General ReviewHygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin

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³ one inspection planned to ES (Ceuta) not included in the general audit: Production and storage of food of animal origin / imports to the EU



MEMBER STATE	SUBJECT
Polska (Poland)	 Disease Contingency Plans Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Eradication Control Programmes Animal Welfare – Farms / Transport / Slaughter Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin)
<u>Portugal</u>	 General Review Food Hygiene I / HACCP Plant Pest Outbreaks (<i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin) Residues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
România (Romania)	 General Review Classical Swine Fever Eradication Control Programme Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Food Hygiene I / HACCP Genetically Modified Feed and Food Import Controls (Food of Plant Origin) Pesticides Animal by-Products Animal Welfare – Farms / Transport / Slaughter BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin) Scrapie
Slovenija (Slovenia)	 General Review Hygiene Package / Food of Animal Origin Intra-Community Trade in Live Animals
Slovensko (Slovakia)	General Audit
Suomi/Finland	Food Hygiene I / HACCP
Sverige (Sweden)	General ReviewIntra-Community Trade in Live Animals
<u>United Kingdom</u>	 General Review Baby Food Plant Pest Outbreaks (<i>Phytophthora kernoviae</i>) Animal by-Products Animal Welfare (during Transport / Slaughter) Import/Transit Controls/Border Inspection Posts (Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin)



Annex 2: Inspections in EFTA Countries, by Country in alphabetical order

EFTA COUNTRY	<u>Subject</u>
<u>Iceland</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Switzerland</u>	 Milk / Dairy Products, Red Meat / Meat Products Feed Additives and Pre-Mixtures Import Controls (Live Animals / Products of Animal Origin)

Annex 3: Inspections in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans, by Country in alphabetical order

CANDIDATE COUNTRY	<u>Subject</u>
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the	General ReviewGeneral Review Animal and Public HealthFood of Plant Origin
<u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u>	 General Review General Review Animal and Public Health Food of Plant Origin Animal Welfare – Farms / Transport / Slaughter
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	 General Review Animal and Public Health Food of Plant Origin Import Controls / Border Inspection Posts (Live Animals and Animal Products) Fishery Products
<u>Albania</u>	General Review
Bosnia and Herzegovina	General Review



Annex 4: Inspections in Third Countries, by Country in alphabetical order

THIRD COUNTRY	<u> Subject</u>
<u>Argentina</u>	Red Meat / Meat ProductsPesticidesResidues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
<u>Australia</u>	Red Meat / Meat Products; Milk / Dairy Products
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	Contaminants (mycotoxins)
<u>Bangladesh</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Benin</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Botswana</u>	Red Meat / Meat Products
<u>Brazil</u>	Red Meat / Meat ProductsResidues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
<u>Cameroon</u>	Fish /Fishery Products
<u>China</u>	 Fish / Fishery Products Poultry Meat Products General Monitoring (Plant Health) Genetically Modified Feed and Food Pet food of Animal Origin Contaminants (Additives, Illegal Dyes); Food Contact Materials
Congo, the democratic republic of	Fish / Fishery Products
Dominican Republic	• Pesticides
<u>Ecuador</u>	Residues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
Egypt	Contaminants (mycotoxins)
<u>Eritrea</u>	Fish / Fishery Products



THIRD COUNTRY	SUBJECT
<u>Faroe Islands</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Ghana</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
Greenland	Live Bivalve Molluscs
Hong-Kong	Pre-listing Evaluation
<u>India</u>	 Milk / Dairy Products Fish / Fishery Products Food Irradiation Feed Additives & Pre-Mixtures Gelatine
<u>Indonesia</u>	Pre-listing Evaluation
<u>Israel</u>	 Fish / Fishery Products Poultry Meat / Poultry Meat Products General Monitoring (Plant Health)
<u>Japan</u>	 Pre-listing Evaluation Fish / Fishery Products / Live Bivalve Molluscs General Monitoring (Bonsai exports) – (Plant Health) Feed Additives & Pre-Mixtures
<u>Kazakhstan</u>	Fish / Fishery Products / Aquaculture
<u>Mauritania</u>	Live Bivalve Molluscs
<u>Mauritius</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Mexico</u>	Pre-listing EvaluationResidues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
<u>Moldova</u>	Pre-listing EvaluationEggs / Egg Products
<u>Myanmar</u>	Fish / Fishery Products
<u>Namibia</u>	Red Meat / Meat ProductsFish / Fishery Products
New Zealand	 Milk / Dairy Products, Red Meat / Meat Products Fish / Fishery Products / Live Bivalve Molluscs



THIRD COUNTRY	<u>Subject</u>
Papua New Guinea	Fishery Products
<u>Paraguay</u>	Red Meat / Meat Products
<u>Russia</u>	 Pre-listing Evaluation Milk / Dairy Products Fish / Fishery Products Pesticides Residues (Live Animals/Animal Products)
<u>Singapore</u>	Pre-listing Evaluation
South Africa	Red Meat / Meat ProductsFish / Fishery ProductsDerogations (Plant Health)
<u>Swaziland</u>	Red Meat / Meat Products
<u>Thailand</u>	Fish / Fishery ProductsGeneral Monitoring (Plant Health)Pesticides
Turkey	Contaminants (mycotoxins) (export-related inspection)
<u>Ukraine</u>	Milk / Dairy Products
<u>Uruguay</u>	Red Meat / Meat Products
<u>United States</u>	 Milk / Dairy Products Fish / Fishery Products / Live Bivalve Molluscs Genetically Modified Feed and Food General Monitoring (<i>Bemisia</i> control) – (Plant Health)
<u>Uzbekistan</u>	Contaminants (mycotoxins)