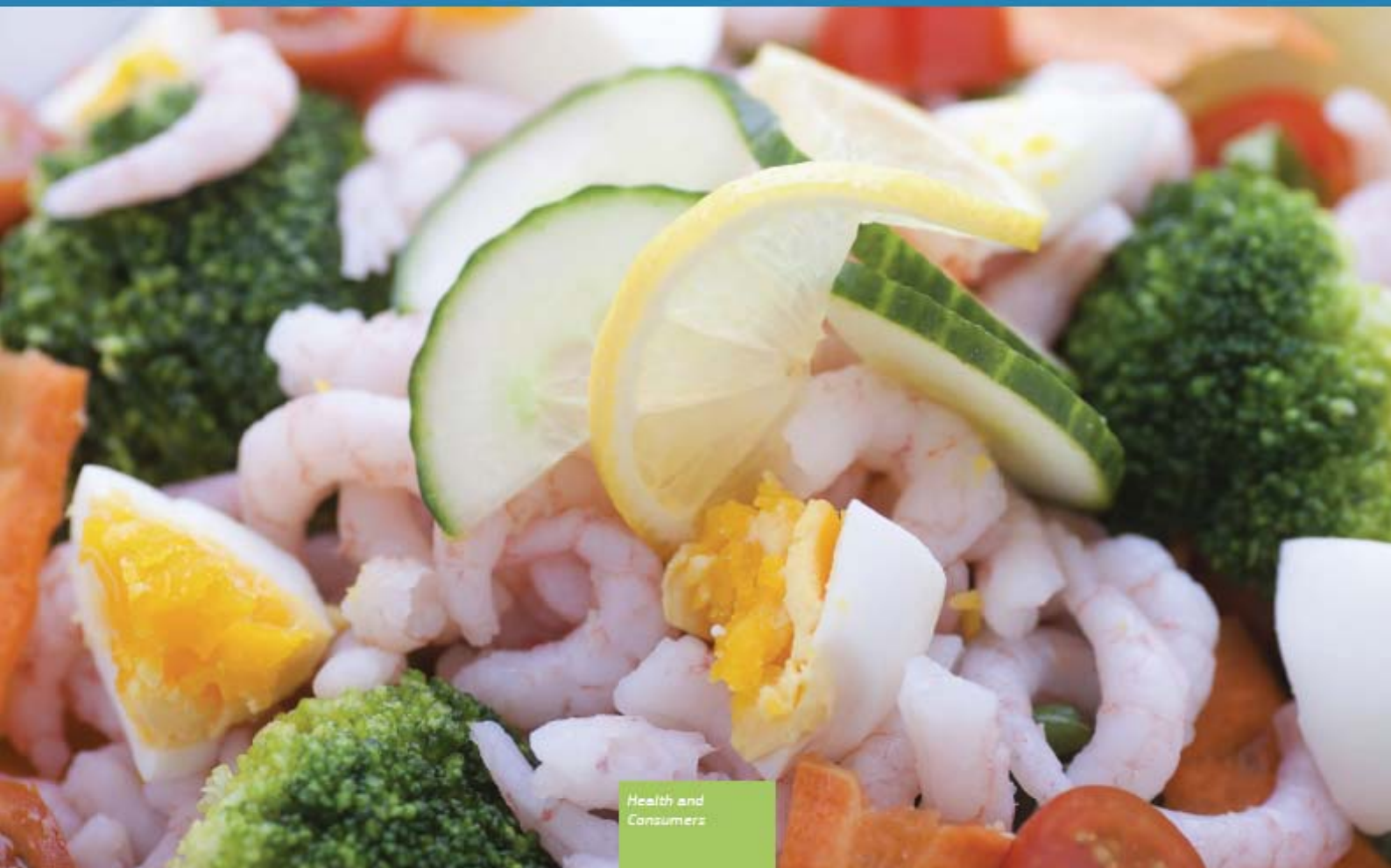




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## 1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit programme of DG Health and Consumers' Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) for the second half of 2013. It updates the plan for 2013 published in December 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](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](http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/ir_search_en.cfm)

## 2. Number and Distribution of Audits

As shown in table 1, a total of 92 audits are planned for the second half of the 2013 programme:

**Table 1. Breakdown of Audits in the second half 2013 of by Main Areas:**

Area	No. of Audits	%
Food Safety	59	64%
Food Quality	6	7%
Animal Health	6	7%
Animal Welfare	5	5%
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	2	2%
Plant Health	4	4%
General Follow-Up and Systems Audits	10	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100%</b>

As usual, audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (64%). However, in line with the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety audits naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements. 14% of audits will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 4% of audits on phytosanitary controls. Audits in the area of food quality (on organic production and geographical indicator schemes) are planned for 7% of the audits. Finally, 11% of audits are targeted at general follow-up and systems audits.

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of audits in the second half of 2013:

**Table 2. Geographical Breakdown of Audits in the second half of 2013:**

Country	No. of Audits	%
EU-28	64	70%
Acceding and Candidate countries	1	1%
Other third countries	27	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100%</b>

In the second half of 2013, 70% of the audits will take place in the – after Croatia's accession now 28 – Member States of the European Union; of those six audits will deal with Member States' import control systems. One audit is planned in candidate countries; and 29% of audits will be in other third countries.

From 2013, the FVO has also extended its audit activities to the health sector with joint audits with Member States of Notified Bodies in the field of medical devices and, in the event of applications by third countries, of imports of active pharmaceutical ingredients for medicinal products for human use. These do not form part of this programme but sufficient flexibility has been built into the programme to accommodate audit activity in these areas.

### 3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2013

Table 3 below provides an overview on the updated audit programme in Member States:

**Table 3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2013:**

*(Some of the subjects below are combined into one mission, as shown in [Annex 1](#) which lists all audits categorised by Member State in alphabetical order.)*

GENERAL FOLLOW-UP AND SYSTEMS AUDITS	COUNTRY
<b>General follow-up audits</b>	Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain, Sweden
<b>Systems audits</b>	Ireland
CROSS-SECTORAL AUDITS	COUNTRY
<b>Emergency preparedness</b> ( <i>fact-finding</i> )	Czech Republic, France, Netherlands

FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN		COUNTRY	
Food of Animal Origin - Mammals	Hygiene package (meat / milk)	Belgium, Hungary, Slovenia	
	Hygiene package (milk)	Greece, Poland, Romania	
Food of Animal Origin - Birds	Poultry meat / poultry meat products	Ireland, Spain	
	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	France, Italy, Netherlands	
Food of Animal Origin – Fish	Bivalve molluscs	Germany, Ireland	
	Bivalve molluscs / fishery products - direct landings	Portugal	
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Dioxins in Baltic Sea fish	Sweden	
FOOD OF PLANT ORIGIN		COUNTRY	
Primary Production	Primary production	Austria, Germany, Poland	
Pesticides	Controls of pesticides	Czech Republic, UK	
Food – Processing and Distribution	Food supplements ( <i>fact-finding</i> )	Germany, Sweden	
Genetically modified organisms	Cultivation and release into the environment	Slovakia	
FEED AND ANIMAL NUTRITION		COUNTRY	
Feed Safety	Identification of hazards and management of risks along the feed chain including for oils, fats and products derived thereof	Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Poland, Spain	
ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE		COUNTRY	
Animal Health	Aquaculture	Hungary, Czech Republic	
	Eradication/ monitoring programmes/ control measures	Classical swine fever	Romania
		Brucellosis	Italy, Portugal
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	Contingency planning / slaughter for disease control	Sweden, UK	
Animal Welfare	Welfare during transport ( <i>fact-finding</i> )	Denmark ( <i>combined with CoE requirements</i> ), Germany, Italy, Poland	
	Council of Europe (CoE) requirements for major farmed species	Austria, Denmark	

PLANT HEALTH		COUNTRY	
Plant Health	Plant pest outbreaks	<i>Epitrix spp.</i>	Portugal (combined with kiwi cancer), Spain (combined with Pomacea)
		<i>Kiwi canker</i>	Portugal (combined with Epitrix)
		<i>Pomacea</i>	Spain (combined with Epitrix)
FOOD QUALITY		COUNTRY	
Organic Farming	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	France, Greece, Spain	
Geographical Indicator Schemes	Protected designations of origin (PDO), protected geographical indications (PGI), traditional specialities guaranteed (TSGs)	Slovakia	
IMPORT CONTROLS		COUNTRY	
Import Controls (live animals and animal products)	TRACES	Belgium, France, Germany, Italy	
	Verification of effectiveness	Estonia	
	BIP controls	UK	

### Desk Studies

A number of desk studies to support the preparation and prioritisation of new audit series will be continued in the second half of 2013, for example in the areas of; the control and production of rendered animal fats, of feed imports and HACCP.

### Overview Reports

The FVO also produces overview reports to ensure that the results of audit series are presented in a manner which facilitates understanding of the state of implementation of EU legislation and the problems and good practices identified across the Member States.

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/specialreports/overview\\_search\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/specialreports/overview_search_en.cfm)

## 4. Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2013

In the second half of 2013, the FVO will carry out a general follow-up audit to Turkey, to update its country profile and to review the progress on the follow-up of FVO recommendations made in previous reports.



**Table 4. Audits in the second half of 2013 in Candidate Countries:**

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
General Follow-up Audit "Enlargement"	General follow-up	Turkey

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

## 5. Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2013

In third countries, 27 audits are planned for the second semester of 2013, 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 the second half of 2013 in Third Countries:**

(Some of the subjects below are combined into one mission, 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	Brazil
	Fresh meat / beef, ovine and equine meat	Uruguay
	Rabbit meat	China ( <i>combined with casings</i> )
	Milk / milk-based products	Switzerland
	Milk / babyfood	Israel
	Casings	China ( <i>combined with rabbit meat</i> ), Egypt
Animal By-Products	Animal by-products	Thailand
Food of Animal Origin – Birds	Poultry meat/ poultry meat products	Brazil
Food of Animal Origin - Fish	Fishery products <sup>1)</sup>	Ecuador, Russian Federation
	Fishery products and bivalve molluscs	New Zealand, China
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Contaminants	India, Peru
	Pesticides	China, Kenya ( <i>combined with plant health</i> )
	Food hygiene (norovirus – strawberries)	China
	Primary production (seed / soya beans for sprouting)	China

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food Quality	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	Switzerland
	Organic production (control bodies)	Equivalent control body(ies) in China ( <i>to be confirmed</i> )
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	Belarus, China
Animal Health	General animal health	Chile
Plant Health	Fruit and vegetables / plants for planting / cut flowers	Kenya ( <i>combined with pesticides</i> ), Malaysia
Import Controls (live animals and animal products)	BIP controls	Greenland

DESK STUDIES IN 2013		SCOPE
Food of Animal Origin/Fish	Fishery products	A pilot study on smaller third country trading partners (below 5,000 tonnes/year) starting with 11 countries (Belize, Costa Rica, Gabon, Guyana, Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Ukraine, Yemen, Zimbabwe)

<sup>1)</sup> One additional third country to be audited on fishery products following the desk study.

**Annex 1: Audits in Member States in the second half of 2013,  
by country in alphabetical order**

<b>MEMBER STATE</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b>
<b><u>Belgique/België</u></b> <b><u>(Belgium)</u></b>	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2013-6881
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES	2013-6900
	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6748
<b><u>България</u></b> <b><u>(Bulgaria)</u></b>	General follow-up	2013-6841
<b><u>Česká republika</u></b> <b><u>(Czech Republic)</u></b>	Pesticides	2013-6647
	Aquaculture - animal health	2013-6783
	Emergency preparedness	2013-6770
<b><u>Danmark</u></b> <b><u>(Denmark)</u></b>	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6749
	Animal welfare during transport	2013-6829
	Council of Europe requirements for animal welfare in major farmed species ( <i>both animal welfare audits combined</i> )	2013-6807
<b><u>Deutschland</u></b> <b><u>(Germany)</u></b>	Animal welfare during transport	2013-6826
	Food supplements ( <i>fact-finding</i> )	2013-6641
	Bivalve molluscs	2013-6668
	Primary production	2013-6664
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES	2013-6901
<b><u>Eesti (Estonia)</u></b>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) – Verification of effectiveness	2013-6897
<b><u>Éire/Ireland</u></b>	Systems audit	2013-6859
	Poultry meat/poultry meat products	2013-6693
	Bivalve molluscs	2013-6674
<b><u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u></b>	Hygiene Package (milk)	2013-6884
	General follow-up	2013-6832
	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2013-6645
<b><u>España (Spain)</u></b>	General follow-up	2013-6701
	Plant pest outbreaks (Pomacea)	2013-6803
	Plant pest outbreaks (Epitrix spp) ( <i>both plant health audits combined</i> )	2013-6804
	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2013-6652
	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6752
<b><u>France</u></b>	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2013-6880
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES	2013-6898
	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6750
	Emergency preparedness	2013-6779
	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2013-6689
<b><u>Italia (Italy)</u></b>	Animal welfare during transport	2013-6828
	Brucellosis eradication programme	2013-6787

<b><u>MEMBER STATE</u></b>	<b><u>THEME</u></b>	<b><u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u></b>
<b><u>Italia (Italy)</u></b>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES	2013-6899
	General follow-up	2013-6836
	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2013-6695
<b><u>Kύπρος (Kypros)/Kıbrıs (Cyprus)</u></b>	General follow-up	2013-6839
<b><u>Latvija (Latvia)</u></b>	---	
<b><u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u></b>	---	
<b><u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u></b>	Aquaculture - animal health	2013-6784
	General follow-up	2013-6840
	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2013-6889
<b><u>Malta</u></b>	---	
<b><u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u></b>	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6753
	Emergency preparedness	2013-6772
	Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2013-6696
<b><u>Österreich (Austria)</u></b>	Primary production	2013-6663
	Council of Europe requirements for animal welfare in major farmed species	2013-6805
<b><u>Polska (Poland)</u></b>	Animal welfare during transport	2013-6827
	Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)	2013-6751
	Primary production	2013-6665
	Hygiene Package (milk)	2013-6874
<b><u>Portugal</u></b>	Bivalve molluscs; direct landings of fishery products	2013-6667
	Plant pest outbreaks ( <i>Epitrix</i> spp) ( <i>combined with Kiwi vine canker</i> )	2013-6810
	Plant pest outbreaks ( <i>Kiwi vine canker</i> ) ( <i>combined with Epitrix spp</i> )	2013-6809
	Brucellosis eradication programme	2013-6786
<b><u>România (Romania)</u></b>	Classical swine fever control and monitoring programme	2013-6789
	General follow-up	2013-6842
	Hygiene Package (milk)	2013-6891
<b><u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u></b>	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2013-6883
<b><u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u></b>	Genetically modified food, feed and seed; cultivation of genetically modified plants including environmental release	2013-6820
	Geographical indicator schemes (PDO, PGI, TSGs)	2013-6651
<b><u>Sverige (Sweden)</u></b>	Food supplements ( <i>fact-finding</i> )	2013-6638
	Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control	2013-6780
	General follow-up	2013-6835
	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products) - dioxins in Baltic Sea fish	2013-6767
<b><u>United Kingdom</u></b>	Pesticides	2013-6643
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2013-6985
	Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control	2013-6776

## Annex 2: Audits Candidate Countries in the second half of 2013

<u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<b><u>Türkiye / Turkey</u></b>	General follow-up - enlargement	2013-6847

## Annex 3: Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2013, by country in alphabetical order

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<b><u>BR - Brazil</u></b>	Poultry meat/poultry meat products	2013-6703
	Traceability of fresh bovine meat and bovine products from holding to trade	2013-6886
<b><u>BY - Belarus</u></b>	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2013-6849
<b><u>CL - Chile</u></b>	General animal health	2013-6802
<b><u>CH - Switzerland</u></b>	Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products	2013-6700
	Milk/milk based products	2013-6888
<b><u>CN - China</u></b>	Animal casings; rabbit meat	2013-6864
	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2013-6848
	Bivalve molluscs	2013-6821
	Fishery products	2013-6718
	Primary production	2013-6680
	Food hygiene	2013-6682
	Pesticides	2013-6694
<b><u>EC - Ecuador</u></b>	Fishery products	2013-6711
<b><u>EG - Egypt</u></b>	Animal casings	2013-6877
<b><u>GL - Greenland</u></b>	Import of live animals and animal products (BIP controls)	2013-6982
<b><u>IN - India</u></b>	Contaminants (aflatoxins in groundnuts)	2013-6683
<b><u>IL - Israel</u></b>	Milk/milk based products; babyfood	2013-6890
<b><u>KE - Kenya</u></b>	Plant health – fruit and vegetables, plants (for planting), cut flowers	2013-6817
	Pesticides ( <i>both audits combined</i> )	2013-6692
<b><u>MY - Malaysia</u></b>	Fruit and vegetables – plant health	2013-6816
<b><u>NZ - New Zealand</u></b>	Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs	2013-6709
<b><u>PE - Peru</u></b>	Contaminants (ochratoxins in capsicum)	2013-6983
<b><u>RU - Russian Federation</u></b>	Fishery products	2013-6730
<b><u>TH - Thailand</u></b>	Animal by-products	2013-6736
<b><u>UY - Uruguay</u></b>	Fresh meat	2013-6892

NB. Two additional audits in third countries are planned (organic farming – equivalent control body(ies) in China, to be confirmed and fishery products – country to be confirmed).

