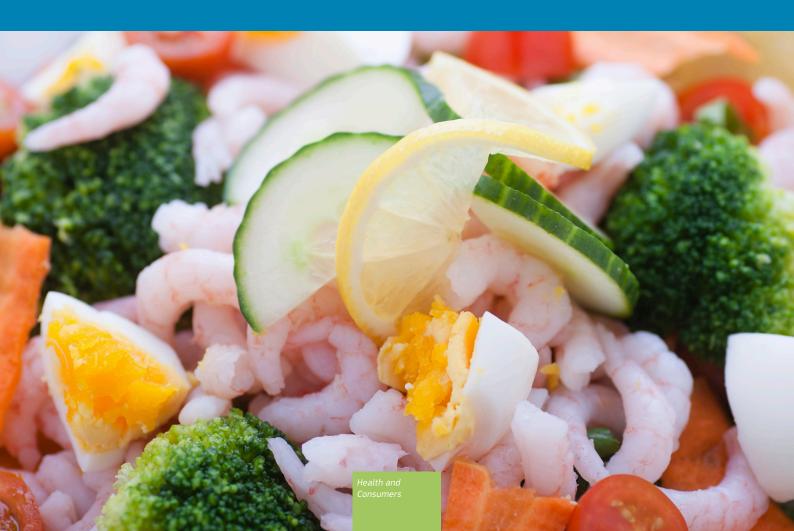


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#### 1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit programme for 2013 of DG Health and Consumers' Food and Veterinary Office (FVO). It also contains a short report on the execution of its audit programme 2011.

In its function as "eyes and ears" of the Commission, the FVO verifies on the spot that EU requirements in the areas of food safety and quality, animal health and welfare, plant health and public health are properly implemented and enforced by Member States and also by third countries exporting to the EU. By contributing to the improvement of national control systems, the effective enforcement of requirements in the EU and third countries is enhanced. This, in turn, helps to ensure that:

- Consumers can be confident that the safety of their food is protected by strict enforcement of controls.
- Trade within the EU can take place under conditions of uniform and high safety levels and standards, which allow markets to focus on price, quality and consumer preferences.
- Exporters can harness the advantages of a single EU market, with high and uniform levels of enforcement, to promote their position on world markets.
- EU policies in relation to the above areas, including their obligations towards trade partners and developing countries, are supported by effective, non-discriminatory and transparent enforcement and informed by the lessons from on-the-ground audit findings.

In its reports the FVO makes recommendations to the competent authority of the country concerned to deal with any shortcomings revealed during the audits. The competent authority is requested to present an action plan to the FVO on how it intends to address shortcomings. Verification of the completion and effectiveness of corrective actions through a number of follow up activities is an integral part of FVO activity.

In addition to audit and follow-up, the FVO carries out a range of other activities, including: the evaluation of Border Inspection Post plans; the operation of the Europhyt plant health interception notification system; the evaluation of residue control plans from Member States and third countries exporting food of animal origin to the EU; and, the management of lists of approved third country establishments for the production of food of animal origin. The FVO also contributes to the Commission's technical assistance for third countries to help them meet EU food safety, animal and plant health standards, as well as to the Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) Programmes.

The programme is developed annually, and reviewed mid-term. Audit priorities are identified under careful consideration of a number of factors like risk, legal requirements, trade and policy considerations, with risk being the main factor. The process involves all relevant stakeholders within DG Health and Consumers, the Directorates-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) and Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE) as well as in Member States.

Emergencies, other urgent issues and unforeseen circumstances may lead to adjustments of the programme as the year progresses. Audits in response to emergencies can only be made by cancelling or postponing others. Also, the carrying out of certain audits will depend on the timely availability of resources. An update of the programme will therefore, as usual, be presented in June 2013.

#### 2. Number and Distribution of Audits

As shown in table 1, a total of 249 audits are planned for the 2013 programme, corresponding to roughly 4,600 auditor days on the ground, travel time excluded.

 Table 1.
 Breakdown of Audits 2013 by Main Areas:

| Area                                 | No. of Audits | %    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Food Safety                          | 169           | 68%  |
| Food Quality                         | 13            | 5%   |
| Animal Health                        | 14            | 6%   |
| Animal Welfare                       | 12            | 5%   |
| Animal Health/Animal Welfare         | 6             | 2%   |
| Plant Health                         | 16            | 6%   |
| General Follow-Up and Systems Audits | 19            | 8%   |
| Total                                | 249           | 100% |

As usual, audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (68%). However, in line with the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety audits naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements. In addition, the new series on emergency preparedness will address procedures in place across a number of sectors. 13% of audits will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 6% of audits are targeted at phytosanitary controls.

5% of controls will be in the area of food quality (organic farming and geographical indicators1).

General follow-up audits and Systems Audits (see chapter 3) make up another 8% of the planned programme.

From 2013, the FVO will also extend 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, on 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Protected Denominations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI), Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSG)

#### Table 2.Geographical Breakdown of Audits 2013:

| Country                          | No. of<br>Audits | %    |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------|
| EU-27                            | 159              | 64%  |
| Acceding and Candidate countries | 13               | 5%   |
| Other third countries            | 77               | 31%  |
| Total                            | 249              | 100% |

In 2013, 64% of the audits will take place in the European Union. 5% of audits will take place in candidate countries and 31% in other third countries. Taking into account that about one tenth of the audits in the EU deal with Member States' import control systems, overall, controls with respect to third countries' export of feed, food, plants and animals amount to 43% of the programme.

#### 3. Audits in Member States

#### Official control and audit systems in Member States and general follow-up

Since the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004<sup>2</sup>, the FVO assesses Member States' Annual Reports on the implementation of their Multi-Annual National Control Plans and provides feedback to Member States, aimed at improving the quality of these reports. The FVO is carrying out a number of activities in 2013 – in dialogue with the Member States - to further promote sound regulatory practices in the implementation of controls including identification and exchange of information and good practices.

Of the 159 audits planned in Member States, 11 will be targeted *general follow-up audits* intended to follow-up on the progress with recommendations made in the course of previous audits in individual Member States. Their results will also be used to update country profiles.

In addition to reviewing progress with individual recommendations, a new series of *Systems Audits* is being introduced with the purpose of focusing on selected horizontal elements of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, e.g. verification procedures and enforcement, to identify good practice as well as difficulties encountered with implementation.

#### **Cross-sectoral audits**

Following on from the lessons learnt from the *E. coli* outbreak in Germany in 2011, the FVO will start a new series on *emergency preparedness* in 2013. Amongst others, it will address contingency planning in the feed and food chain, co-ordination and co-operation between different authorities including public health authorities, traceability of feed and food, alert systems and recall procedures.

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

#### Food of animal origin and residues

In the area of *food of animal origin*, audits on the application of the hygiene legislation in the meat and milk sectors are a regular part of the audit programmes. A number of audits continue (or follow up on) previous audit series, including on poultry meat and mechanically separated meat, on microbiological hazards in foodstuffs, or on programmes to control *Salmonella* in breeders, laying hens, broilers and turkeys.

Besides audits on fishery products and bivalve molluscs, direct landings of fishery products will be subject of new joint audits with DG MARE.

Another regular element of the audit programme are audits on *veterinary medicines and residues in live animals and animal products*. Some audits in this area will also deal with dioxins in Baltic Sea fish.

#### Food of plant origin (including compound food)

New series in this area will start on the sector of primary production where the EHEC crisis has highlighted a problem with controls, as well as on food supplements. The series on marketing and use of *pesticides* and on *contaminants* will be continued.

In the area of *genetically modified food, feed and seed*, audits on the cultivation and market controls of GMOs will also continue in 2013.

#### Feed and animal nutrition

In 2013, the FVO will start a new series in relation to the management of risks and traceability in the *feed* area, including dioxin monitoring.

#### Animal health and animal welfare

In the area of *animal health*, audits on eradication and control programmes as well as on contingency planning are continuing in 2013, the latter also looking at animal welfare during emergency slaughter measures. Another series will deal with aquatic animal health.

The majority of *animal welfare* audits cover welfare during transport and the implementation of the Council of Europe requirements for major farmed species. On transport, fact-finding missions are planned to identify best practice and focus on certain regional problems (with the aim of achieving real improvements on the ground). Again, a certain flexibility is kept in the programme with a view to accommodating further audits on laying hens and sow stalls.

#### Plant health

Audits in the area of *plant health* will primarily cover measures against plant pest outbreaks (pine wood nematode, kiwi vine canker, *Anoplophora, Epitrix and Pomacea*).

#### Food quality

2013 will see an increased number of audits on organic farming and geographical indicator schemes (PDO, PGI, TSGs) in the programme. This initiative, started in 2012, responds to

recommendations from the Court of Auditors for increased co-operation between the relevant services of the Commission on enforcement policies in these sectors.

#### **Import controls**

Finally, audits on Member States' import control systems remain an essential regular element of the programme. Audits will be carried out in relation to imports of live animals and food of animal origin (covering border inspection posts and also looking at the use the TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System) network and verification systems in place); imports of food of non-animal origin and feed as well as phytosanitary import controls.

#### **Desk Studies**

A number of desk studies support the preparation and prioritisation of new audit series. They will be carried out in the areas of imports of composite products, the control and production over rendered animal fats, feed imports as well as intra-EU trade in equines.

#### **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.

#### Annual Reports

The Commission reports annually on the operation of official controls along the food chain in the Member States<sup>3</sup>.

Table 3 provides an overview on all audits planned in Member States in 2013.

#### Table 3. Audits 2013 in Member States

(Some of the subjects below are combined into one mission, as shown in <u>Annex 1</u> which lists all audits categorised by Member State in alphabetical order.)

| GENERAL FOLLOW-UP AND SYSTEMS AUDITS  | COUNTRY  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| General follow-up audits              | Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany,<br>Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands,<br>Romania, Spain, Sweden               |  |
| Systems audits                        | Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic,<br>Denmark, Ireland   |  |
| CROSS-SECTORAL AUDITS                 | COUNTRY  |  |
| Emergency preparedness (fact-finding) | Czech Republic, Denmark, France,<br>Hungary (depending on the availability of<br>resources), Netherlands, Slovenia |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on the overall operation of official controls in the Member States on food safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0122:FIN:EN:PDF

| FOOD OF ANIMAL                              | ORIGIN   | COUNTRY  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Hygiene package (meat / milk)  | Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Malta, Latvia,<br>Portugal, Slovenia  |
|   | Hygiene package (milk)   | Bulgaria, France, Greece (combined with<br>Brucellosis), Poland, Romania, UK   |
| Food of Animal<br>Origin - Mammals          | Hygiene package (ovine and<br>equine meat) / mechanically<br>separated meat                        | Spain  |
|   | Microbiological criteria   | Belgium, Cyprus, Italy, Poland   |
| Food of Animal<br>Origin –<br>Mammals/Birds | Mechanically separated meat  | Denmark, Poland  |
| Food of Animal                              | Poultry meat / poultry meat<br>products  | France, Hungary, Ireland, Spain<br>(depending on the availability of resources),<br>UK   |
| Origin - Birds                              | <i>Salmonella</i> control programmes<br>(breeders, laying hens, broilers,<br>turkeys)              | Belgium (depending on the availability of<br>resources), France, Italy, Netherlands,<br>Slovakia (depending on the availability of<br>resources), UK |
|   | Fishery products   | Czech Republic (combined with aquaculture animal health), Finland, Latvia, Lithuania   |
| Food of Animal                              | Fishery products / direct landings   | Spain  |
| Origin – Fish                               | Bivalve molluscs   | Germany, Greece, Ireland   |
|   | Bivalve molluscs /<br>fishery products - direct landings   | Portugal   |
|   | Residues and contaminants (in live animals and animal products)                                    | Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, UK  |
| Veterinary<br>Medicines and<br>Residues     | Residues and contaminants (in live<br>animals and animal products) /<br>Dioxins in Baltic Sea fish | Finland, Latvia  |
|   | Dioxins in Baltic Sea fish   | Sweden   |
| FOOD OF PLANT O                             | RIGIN  | COUNTRY  |
| Primary<br>production                       | Primary production   | Austria, Germany, Poland   |
| Pesticides                                  | Controls of pesticides   | Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Poland,<br>Spain, Romania, Slovakia, UK   |
| Food – Processing                           | Contaminants   | Bulgaria, France, Germany, Portugal,<br>Slovakia, Spain  |
| and Distribution                            | Food supplements (fact-finding)  | Germany, Hungary, Sweden   |
| Genetically<br>modified<br>organisms        | Cultivation and release into the environment   | Poland, Slovakia   |

| FEED AND ANIMA   | L NUTRITION   | COUNTRY                       |   |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Feed SafetyIdentification of hazards and<br>management of risks along the<br>feed chain including for oils, fats<br>and products derived thereof |   |                               | Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia,<br>France, Finland, Netherland, Poland,<br>Spain  |
| ANIMAL HEALTH A  |   | ELFARE                        | COUNTRY   |
|  | Aquaculture   |                               | Czech Republic (combined with fishery products), Hungary  |
| Animal Health  | Eradication/<br>monitoring<br>programmes/<br>control<br>measures  | African swine fever           | Italy   |
| Animai nealth  |   | Classical swine<br>fever      | Romania   |
|  |   | Brucellosis                   | Greece (combined with Hygiene package –<br>milk), Italy, Portugal   |
| Animal<br>Health/Animal<br>Welfare   | Contingency pla<br>for disease cont   | nning / slaughter<br>trol     | Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Netherlands,<br>Sweden, UK  |
|  | Welfare during transport<br>(fact-finding)  |                               | Austria (combined with CoE requirements),<br>Denmark (combined with CoE requirements),<br>Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland,<br>UK (combined with CoE requirements) |
| Animal Welfare   | Welfare at slaughter  |                               | Estonia   |
|  | Council of Europe (CoE)<br>requirements for major farmed<br>species   |                               | Austria, Denmark, UK<br>(all combined with welfare during transport)  |
| PLANT HEALTH   |   |                               | COUNTRY   |
|  |   | Anoplophora spp.              | France (combined with kiwi canker)  |
|  |   | Bursaphelenchus<br>xylophilus | Portugal  |
| Plant Health   | Plant pest<br>outbreaks   | Epitrix spp.                  | Portugal (combined with kiwi cancer),<br>Spain (combined with Pomacea)  |
|  |   | Kiwi canker                   | France (combined with Anoplophora),<br>Portugal (combined with Epitrix)   |
|  |   | Pomacea                       | Spain (combined with Epitrix)   |
| FOOD QUALITY   |   |                               | COUNTRY   |
| Organic Farming  | Organic farming and certification,<br>labelling and marketing of organic<br>products  |                               | France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain,<br>Romania, UK   |
| Geographical<br>Indicator Schemes  | Protected designations of origin<br>(PDO), protected geographical<br>indications (PGI), traditional<br>specialities guaranteed (TSGs) |                               | Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia   |

| IMPORT CONTROL  | S  | COUNTRY   |
|-----------------|--|---|
|                 | Live animals and animal products<br>(BIP based controls) | Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France,<br>Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia,<br>Lithuania, Netherlands, Sweden |
| Import Controls | Food of plant origin                                     | Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary,<br>Romania  |
|                 | Plant health   | Italy, Romania  |

| DESK STUDIES IN                   | 2013                      | SCOPE  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Food of Animal                    | Composite products        | New certification requirements for<br>imports of composite products. To be<br>seen in the context of food-related fraud.                         |
| Origin                            | Rendered fat              | To identify intended use of rendered<br>animal fat, related risk factors, main<br>players and imports.   |
| Feed Safety Feed imports          |                           | Feed imports (additives, pre-mixtures<br>and feed materials) and representatives<br>(in the EU) of establishments located in<br>third countries. |
| Animal Health /<br>Animal Welfare | Intra-EU trade in equines | Movements of equines in the EU   |

#### 4. Audits in Acceding and Candidate Countries

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013, Croatia is expected to join the European Union. Six audits are therefore, planned to verify Croatia's continued preparations to assume the responsibilities of membership upon accession.

A further seven audits will take place in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey. In addition to enlargement-related audits, certain audits are targeted specifically at the export sector in candidate countries (for example in relation to pesticides, export of meat and milk products).

The FVO will also carry out general follow-up audits to Croatia, Iceland and Turkey, to update their country profiles and to review the progress on follow-up to FVO recommendations made in previous reports.

| Table 4. | Audits 2013 in Acceding and Candidate Countries |
|----------|---|
|----------|---|

| AREA/SECTOR           | COUNTRY                                    |   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Food of Animal Origin | Export of meat/meat products and milk      | Macedonia, the former<br>Yugoslav Republic of |
|                       | Veterinary medicines and residues          | Serbia  |
| Animal By-Products    | Animal by-products and derived<br>products | Serbia  |

| AREA/SECTOR  | COUNTRY   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Import Controls of<br>Animals and Food of<br>Animal Origin | Import/transit control system and border inspection posts | Croatia                  |
| Food – Processing and<br>Distribution                      | Food hygiene (strawberries)                               | Serbia                   |
| Food of Plant Origin                                       | Pesticides in exported fruit and vegetables               | Turkey                   |
| Feed and Animal<br>Nutrition                               | Feed safety   | Croatia                  |
| Animal Health  | General animal health                                     | Croatia                  |
| Animal Welfare   | General animal welfare                                    | Croatia                  |
| Plant Health   | General plant health                                      | Croatia                  |
| General Follow-up Audit<br>"Enlargement"                   | General follow-up   | Croatia, Iceland, Turkey |

A list of audits, categorised by countries in alphabetical order, is shown in <u>Annex 2</u>.

#### 5. Audits 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.

Most of the audits planned in third countries in the area of *live animals and food of animal origin* are targeted at a review of existing approvals of major trade partners while a smaller number of audits will deal with first applications by third countries for export authorisation. Besides live animals, products covered are meat, milk, eggs and various products and casings, as well as fish, live bivalve molluscs, aquaculture and animal by-products.

Regular controls on the implementation of residue control programmes are a key element for the listing of third countries for export.

The programme in the area of *food of plant origin and feed* covers primary production, contaminants and pesticides in products such as fruit, vegetables, tea and spices and food hygiene. A new series of audits is starting in 2013 in the area of food quality in relation to organic farming.

Finally, audits in the area of *plant health* are crucial to prevent the spread of plant pests through imports of fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, plants for planting or wood packaging material.

The readiness of application files (such as timely replies by competent authorities to premission 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.

#### Table 5. Audits 2013 in Third Countries

(Some of the subjects below are combined into one mission, as shown in <u>Annex 3</u> which lists all audits categorised by country in alphabetical order.)

| AREA/SECTOR                        |   | COUNTRY  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                    | Fresh meat / beef   | Brazil, United States  |
|                                    | Fresh meat / beef, ovine and equine meat                          | Uruguay  |
|                                    | Fresh meat / beef, pork, meat from lagomorphs and game            | Chile  |
|                                    | Farmed game meat, fresh meat<br>(beef, ovine meat), meat products | Namibia (combined with animal health)  |
| Food of Animal<br>Origin – Mammals | Beef (products)   | Botswana (combined with animal health)   |
|                                    | Rabbit meat   | China  |
|                                    | Fresh meat / meat products /<br>minced meat / meat preparations   | Switzerland  |
|                                    | Milk / milk-based products  | Switzerland  |
|                                    | Milk / babyfood   | Israel   |
|                                    | Casings   | China, Egypt, India, Lebanon   |
| Animal By-Products                 | Animal by-products  | Brazil, Morocco, Russian Federation,<br>Thailand, United States  |
|                                    | Poultry meat  | Ukraine  |
| Food of Animal<br>Origin – Birds   | Poultry meat/ poultry meat<br>products                            | Argentina(depending on availability of<br>resources),<br>Brazil, Chile, Israel,<br>Russian Federation (depending on<br>availability of resources),<br>Thailand |
|                                    | Eggs / Egg products   | Albania ( <i>depending on availability of resources</i> ),<br>Argentina  |
| Food of Animal                     | Fishery products  | China, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia,<br>Ivory Coast, Kenya, Maldives,<br>Papua New Guinea, Russian<br>Federation, Senegal <sup>1)</sup>                           |
| Origin - Fish                      | Bivalve molluscs  | China  |
|                                    | Fishery products and bivalve molluscs                             | Chile, Greenland, New Zealand  |
| Food of Non –<br>Animal Origin     | Contaminants (aflatoxins in groundnuts)                           | India  |
|                                    | Contaminants (aflatoxins in groundnuts, dioxins in herbs)         | Egypt  |
|                                    | Pesticides  | China, India, Kenya, Morocco   |
|                                    | Food hygiene ( <i>Salmonella</i> – herbs and spices)              | Viet Nam   |

| AREA/SECTOR                             |  | COUNTRY  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Food hygiene (norovirus –<br>strawberries)   | China  |
|   | Primary production (seed / soya beans for sprouting)                                 | Argentina, China   |
| Food Quality                            | Organic farming and certification,<br>labelling and marketing of organic<br>products | Israel, Switzerland  |
|   | Organic production (control bodies)  | Control body to be decided   |
| Veterinary<br>Medicines and<br>Residues | Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products                        | Belarus, Brazil, China, El Salvador,<br>Guatemala, Mozambique, Panama,<br>Peru |
|   | Aquaculture  | Korea, Republic of   |
|   | General animal health  | Chile, Russian Federation  |
| Animal Health                           | Milk production  | Belarus  |
|   | Foot-and-mouth disease   | Botswana, Namibia<br>(both combined with fresh meat/meat<br>products)          |
|   | Wood packaging material  | China  |
| Plant Health                            | Fruit and vegetables / plants for<br>planting / cut flowers                          | Bangladesh, India*, Kenya,<br>Malaysia<br>* also wood packaging material       |
|   | Planting material (aquatic plants)   | Singapore  |

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

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

#### 6. Report on the audit programme 2011

In 2011, the FVO carried out 258 audits. 146 audits (or 57% of all audits) took place in Member States, 16 (6%) in candidate countries and 96 (37%) in third countries. These figures correspond to 4746 days spent on the ground by FVO auditors. Member State national experts contributed an additional 943 days. Chart no. 1 compares the number of planned and completed audits by region.

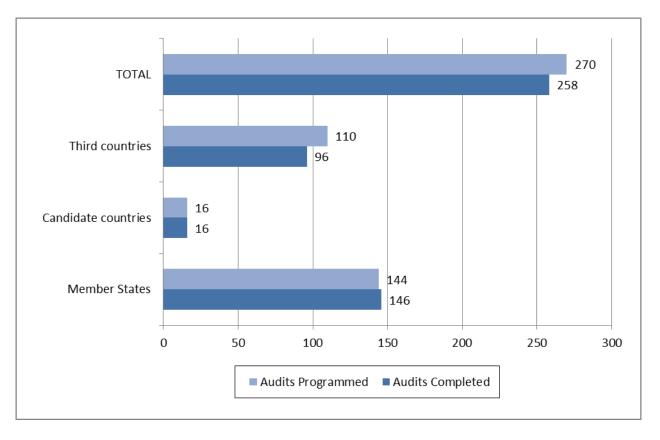


Chart 1. Number of Planned and Completed Audits in 2011 by Region

The breakdown by area of responsibility (chart 2) shows that more than two thirds of audits (72%) were performed in the field of food safety. 9% and 7% of audits were purely dealing with animal health and welfare, respectively, while 5% took place in the plant health area. 7% of all completed audits were general follow-up audits.

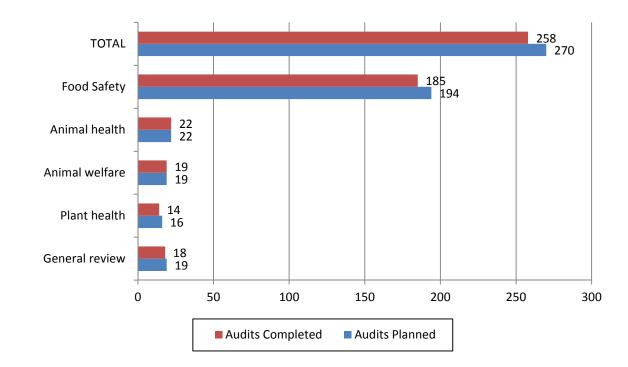
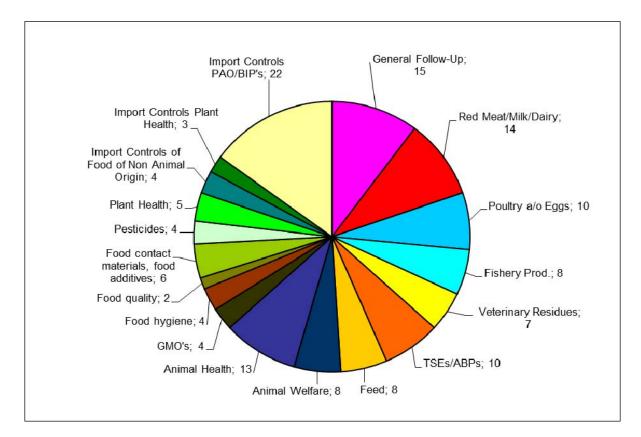
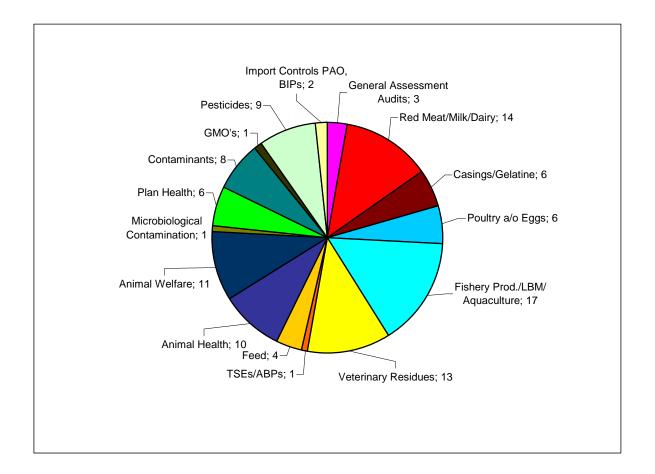


Chart 2. Number of Planned and Completed Audits in 2011 by Main Area





Charts 3 and 4 provide an overview on sectors and commodities covered by the audit programme 2011 in Member States (chart 3) and candidate countries and third countries (chart 4).



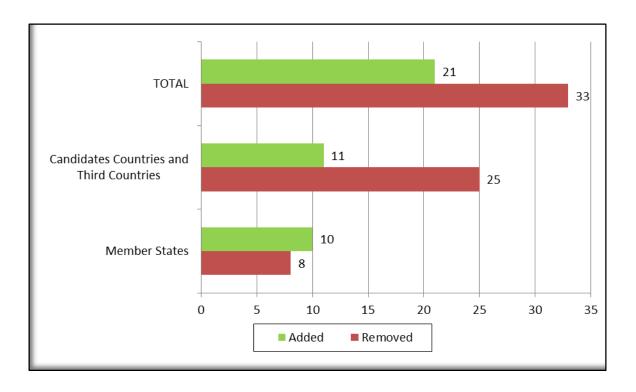
### Chart 4. Audits in Candidate Countries and Third Countries 2011 by Sector/Commodity

The 258 audits completed in 2011 correspond to 96% of the number of programmed audits. An overview on changes to the programme is given by chart 5.

A certain percentage of programmed audits can usually not be carried out as planned for a number of reasons. In 2011, for example, these included security considerations, natural disasters, competent authority action plans from previous audits that had not yet been fully implemented or replies to pre-audit questionnaires that had not been received by the FVO. Audits that were removed from the programme or postponed were replaced by audits from a reserve list.

On the other hand, there are always new emerging circumstances or risks that make additions to the programme necessary, leading to the postponement of already planned audits.

Overall, in 2011, 33 audits were removed from the programme (12% of all programmed audits) and 21 new priorities were added (8% of programmed audits). The number of programme changes was higher in candidate and third countries (25 audits removed and 11 added) than in Member States (8 audits removed and 10 added).



#### Chart 5. Overview on programme changes in 2011

The audit reports of the Food and Veterinary Office are published on the DG Health and Consumers website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/ir search en.cfm

| Annex 1: | Audits in Member States, by country in alphabetical order |
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| Member State                               | Тнеме   | <u>Reference</u><br><u>number</u> |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Microbiological criteria  | 2013-6861                         |
|  | Systems audit   | 2013-6855                         |
|  | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)   | 2013-6881                         |
| <u>Belgique/België</u><br><u>(Belgium)</u> | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES                                    | 2013-6900                         |
| (Deigidin)                                 | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)   | 2013-6748                         |
|  | Pesticides  | 2013-6648                         |
|  | Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys) (depending on the availability of resources) | 2013-6685                         |
|  | Contaminants  | 2013-6656                         |
| <u>България</u>                            | Systems audit   | 2013-6858                         |
| <u>(Bulgaria)</u>                          | Hygiene Package (milk)  | 2013-6882                         |
|  | General follow-up   | 2013-6841                         |
|  | Geographical indicator schemes (PDO, PGI, TSGs)   | 2013-6649                         |
|  | Systems audit   | 2013-6856                         |
| ×  | Import controls of food of non-animal origin  | 2013-6655                         |
| <u>Česká republika</u><br>(Czech Republic) | Aquaculture - animal health (combined with fishery products)  | 2013-6783                         |
| <u>(czech Republic)</u>                    | Fishery products (combined with aquaculture animal health)  | 2013-6666                         |
|  | Pesticides  | 2013-6647                         |
|  | Emergency preparedness  | 2013-6770                         |
|  | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES                                    | 2013-6756                         |
|  | Mechanically separated meat   | 2013-6686                         |
| Barris                                     | Systems audit   | 2013-6857                         |
| <u>Danmark</u><br>(Denmark)                | Emergency preparedness  | 2013-6771                         |
| <u></u>                                    | 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 (both animal welfare audits combined)       | 2013-6807                         |
|  | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control   | 2013-6778                         |
|  | Contaminants  | 2013-6659                         |
|  | General follow-up   | 2013-6834                         |
| <b>_</b>                                   | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products  | 2013-6747                         |
| <u>Deutschland</u><br>(Germany)            | Animal welfare during transport   | 2013-6826                         |
| (Germany)                                  | Food supplements (fact-finding)   | 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                         |
| <u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>                     | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)   | 2013-6740                         |
|  | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control   | 2013-6781                         |
|  | Animal welfare at the time of slaughter   | 2013-6825                         |

| M                      |   | <b>Reference</b> |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| Member State           | Тнеме   | NUMBER           |
|                        | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)                 | 2013-6897        |
| Éire/Ireland           | Systems audit   | 2013-6859        |
|                        | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6693        |
|                        | Bivalve molluscs  | 2013-6674        |
|                        | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) - TRACES        | 2013-6895        |
|                        | Hygiene Package (milk) (combined with Brucellosis audit)                                  | 2013-6884        |
| Ελλάδα (Greece)        | Brucellosis eradication programme (combined with hygiene package)                         | 2013-6785        |
| <u>LAAUUU (UIEEEE)</u> | General follow-up   | 2013-6832        |
|                        | Bivalve molluscs  | 2013-6673        |
|                        | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products            | 2013-6645        |
|                        | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                              | 2013-6760        |
|                        | Pesticides  | 2013-6637        |
|                        | Fresh meat, meat products, minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat | 2013-6873        |
|                        | Fishery products - direct landings  | 2013-6672        |
|                        | Contaminants  | 2013-6661        |
| <u>España (Spain)</u>  | General follow-up   | 2013-6837        |
| <u>Espana (Spann)</u>  | Plant pest outbreaks (Pomacea)  | 2013-6803        |
|                        | Plant pest outbreaks (Epitrix spp)<br>(both plant health audits combined)                 | 2013-6804        |
|                        | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products            | 2013-6652        |
|                        | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)   | 2013-6752        |
|                        | Poultry meat/poultry meat products ( <i>depending on the availability of resources</i> )  | 2013-6701        |
|                        | Contaminants  | 2013-6657        |
|                        | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products            | 2013-6880        |
|                        | Hygiene Package (milk)  | 2013-6879        |
|                        | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6688        |
|                        | Plant pest outbreaks (Anoplophora spp.)   | 2013-6806        |
| Franca                 | Plant pest outbreaks (Kiwi vine canker)   | 2013-6808        |
| <u>France</u>          | (both plant health audits combined)   |                  |
|                        | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)                 | 2013-6898        |
|                        | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)   | 2013-6750        |
|                        | Emergency preparedness  | 2013-6779        |
|                        | Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)                  | 2013-6689        |
|                        | General follow-up   | 2013-6838        |
| <u>Italia (Italy)</u>  | African swine fever eradication programme   | 2013-6788        |
|                        | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products            | 2013-6650        |
|                        | Microbiological criteria  | 2013-6875        |

| Member State                             | Тнеме  | <u>Reference</u><br><u>number</u> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | Import controls - plant health   | 2013-6790                         |
|  | Animal welfare during transport  | 2013-6828                         |
|  | Brucellosis eradication programme  | 2013-6787                         |
|  | 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                         |
| K  | Microbiological criteria   | 2013-6867                         |
| <u>Κύπρος</u><br><u>(Kypros)/Kıbrıs</u>  | Pesticides   | 2013-6635                         |
| <u>(Cyprus)</u>                          | General follow-up  | 2013-6839                         |
|  | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)            | 2013-6755                         |
| <u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>                  | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products); dioxins in Baltic Sea fish | 2013-6761                         |
|  | Fishery products   | 2013-6670                         |
|  | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)  | 2013-6876                         |
|  | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control                                      | 2013-6777                         |
|  | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products) - TRACES                    | 2013-6845                         |
| <u>Lietuva</u><br>(Lithuania)            | Fishery products   | 2013-6671                         |
| <u>(Elemenna)</u>                        | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)                | 2013-6758                         |
|  | Food supplements (fact-finding)  | 2013-6636                         |
|  | Import controls of food of non-animal origin   | 2013-6639                         |
|  | Poultry meat/poultry meat products   | 2013-6691                         |
| <u>Magyarország</u><br>(Hungary)         | Aquaculture - animal health  | 2013-6784                         |
| <u>(Trangary)</u>                        | General follow-up  | 2013-6840                         |
|  | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)  | 2013-6889                         |
|  | Emergency preparedness (depending on the availability of resources)                      | 2013-6902                         |
| <u>Malta</u>                             | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)  | 2013-6860                         |
|  | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control                                      | 2013-6775                         |
|  | Animal welfare during transport (best practices)   | 2013-6824                         |
| <u>Nederland</u><br><u>(Netherlands)</u> | General follow-up  | 2013-6833                         |
|  | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)                | 2013-6759                         |
|  | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)  | 2013-6753                         |
|  | Emergency preparedness   | 2013-6772                         |
|  | Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)                 | 2013-6696                         |
| Österreich                               | Feed Safety  | 2013-6737                         |
| <u>(Austria)</u>                         | Geographical indicator schemes (PDO, PGI, TSGs)  | 2013-6653                         |

| Member State                   | Тнеме   | <u>Reference</u><br><u>number</u> |
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|                                | Import controls of food of non-animal origin  |                                   |
|                                | Primary production  | 2013-6654                         |
|                                | Animal welfare during transport (best practices)  | 2013-6663                         |
|                                | Council of Europe requirements for animal welfare in major farmed   | 2013-6831                         |
|                                | species   | 2013-6805                         |
|                                | (both animal welfare audits combined)<br>Genetically modified food, feed and seed; cultivation of genetically         |                                   |
|                                | modified plants including environmental release   | 2013-6819                         |
|                                | Microbiological criteria  | 2013-6870                         |
|                                | Pesticides  | 2013-6640                         |
| <u>Polska (Poland)</u>         | Fresh meat, meat products, minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat                             | 2013-6893                         |
|                                | Animal welfare during transport   | 2013-6827                         |
|                                | Feed safety (risk management; dioxins monitoring)   | 2013-6751                         |
|                                | Primary production  | 2013-6665                         |
|                                | Hygiene Package (milk)  | 2013-6874                         |
|                                | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)   | 2013-6862                         |
|                                | Contaminants  | 2013-6658                         |
| Destured                       | Plant pest outbreaks (Bursaphelenchus xylophilus)   | 2013-6798                         |
| <u>Portugal</u>                | Bivalve molluscs; direct landings of fishery products   | 2013-6667                         |
|                                | Plant pest outbreaks (Epitrix spp) (combined with Kiwi vine canker)   | 2013-6810                         |
|                                | Plant pest outbreaks (Kiwi vine canker) (combined with Epitrix spp))  | 2013-6809                         |
|                                | Brucellosis eradication programme   | 2013-6786                         |
|                                | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)  | 2013-6843                         |
|                                | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products  | 2013-6871                         |
|                                | Import controls - plant health  | 2013-6796                         |
| <u>România</u>                 | Classical swine fever control and monitoring programme  | 2013-6789                         |
| <u>(Romania)</u>               | General follow-up   | 2013-6842                         |
|                                | Import controls of food of non-animal origin  | 2013-6644                         |
|                                | Hygiene Package (milk)  | 2013-6891                         |
|                                | Pesticides  | 2013-6642                         |
|                                | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)  | 2013-6768                         |
| <u>Slovenija</u><br>(Slovenia) | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)   | 2013-6883                         |
| (Slovenia)                     | Emergency preparedness  | 2013-6773                         |
|                                | Contaminants  | 2013-6662                         |
|                                | Genetically modified food, feed and seed; cultivation of genetically modified plants including environmental release  | 2013-6820                         |
| <u>Slovensko</u><br>(Slovakia) | Geographical indicator schemes (PDO, PGI, TSGs)   | 2013-6651                         |
|                                | Pesticides  | 2013-6646                         |
|                                | Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys) (depending on the availability of resources) | 2013-6698                         |
|                                | Feed Safety   | 2013-6738                         |
|                                | Fishery products  | 2013-6669                         |
| Suomi/Finland                  | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products);<br>dioxins in Baltic Sea fish                           | 2013-6764                         |
|                                | Hygiene Package (meat/milk)   | 2013-6878                         |

| Member State     | Тнеме   | <u>Reference</u><br><u>number</u> |
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|                  | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)   | 2013-6894                         |
|                  | Food supplements (fact-finding)   | 2013-6638                         |
| Sverige (Sweden) | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control   | 2013-6780                         |
|                  | General follow-up<br>Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products) -<br>dioxins in Baltic Sea fish | 2013-6835<br>2013-6767            |
|                  | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6726                         |
|                  | Animal welfare during transport (best practices)  | 2013-6903                         |
|                  | Council of Europe requirements for animal welfare in major farmed species (both animal welfare audits combined)   | 2013-6822                         |
|                  | Hygiene Package (milk)  | 2013-6872                         |
| United Kingdom   | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)  | 2013-6906                         |
|                  | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products                                    | 2013-6744                         |
|                  | Salmonella control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)  | 2013-6699                         |
|                  | Pesticides  | 2013-6643                         |
|                  | Contingency planning, slaughter for disease control   | 2013-6776                         |

| <u>Candidate</u><br><u>Country</u>   | Тнеме   | <u>Reference</u><br><u>Number</u> |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Pre-accession plant health  | 2013-6812                         |
|  | Feed Safety   | 2013-6739                         |
| Hmustaka (   | General animal welfare  | 2013-6823                         |
| <u>Hrvatska /</u><br><u>Croatia</u>  | General animal health   | 2013-6791                         |
|  | General follow-up - enlargement   | 2013-6844                         |
|  | Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls) | 2013-6896                         |
| <u>поранешна</u><br><u>југословенска</u><br><u>Република</u><br><u>Македонија</u> /<br><u>former Yugoslav</u><br><u>Republic of</u><br><u>Macedonia, the</u> | Fresh meat, milk and related products (export-related)                    | 2013-6868                         |
| Türkiyo / Turkov   | General follow-up - enlargement   | 2013-6847                         |
| <u> Türkiye / Turkey</u>   | Pesticides (export-related)   | 2013-6684                         |
| <u>Ísland / Iceland</u>  | General follow-up - enlargement   | 2013-6846                         |
| <u>Serbia</u>  | Animal by-products (export-related)                                       | 2013-6741                         |
|  | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)              | 2013-6763                         |
|  | Food hygiene  | 2013-6660                         |

# Annex 2: Audits in Acceding and Candidate Countries, by country in alphabetical order

| THIRD COUNTRY             | Тнеме   | REFERENCE     |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
|                           |   | <u>Number</u> |
| <u>AL - Albania</u>       | Eggs, egg products (depending on the availability of resources)                           | 2013-6728     |
|                           | Egg products  | 2013-6722     |
| <u> AR - Argentina</u>    | Primary production  | 2013-6679     |
|                           | Poultry meat/poultry meat products (depending on the availability of resources)           | 2013-6725     |
| <u> BD – Bangladesh</u>   | Fruit and vegetables - plant health   | 2013-6815     |
|                           | Foot-and-mouth disease controls   | 2013-6792     |
| <u>BW - Botswana</u>      | Fresh meat, meat products, minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat | 2013-6866     |
|                           | (both audits combined)  |               |
|                           | Animal by-products  | 2013-6742     |
|                           | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                              | 2013-6850     |
| <u>BR - Brazil</u>        | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6703     |
|                           | Traceability of fresh bovine meat and bovine products from holding to trade               | 2013-6886     |
| <u>BY – Belarus</u>       | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                              | 2013-6849     |
| <u>BT - Belalus</u>       | Milk - animal health  | 2013-6799     |
|                           | Fresh meat  | 2013-6865     |
| <u>CL - Chile</u>         | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6723     |
|                           | Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs   | 2013-6721     |
|                           | General animal health   | 2013-6802     |
|                           | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products            | 2013-6700     |
| <u>CH - Switzerland</u>   | Meat products, minced meat, meat preparations   | 2013-6887     |
|                           | Milk/milk based products  | 2013-6888     |
|                           | Rabbit meat   | 2013-6919     |
|                           | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                              | 2013-6848     |
|                           | Wood packaging material   | 2013-6813     |
|                           | Bivalve molluscs  | 2013-6821     |
| <u>CN - China</u>         | Fishery products  | 2013-6718     |
|                           | Primary production  | 2013-6680     |
|                           | Food hygiene  | 2013-6682     |
|                           | Pesticides  | 2013-6694     |
|                           | Casings   | 2013-6864     |
| <u>CI - Côte d'Ivoire</u> | Fishery products  | 2013-6706     |
| EC - Ecuador              | Fishery products  | 2013-6711     |
|                           | Animal casings  | 2013-6877     |
| <u>EG - Egypt</u>         | Contaminants  | 2013-6681     |
|                           | Dioxins in herbs  | 2013-6678     |
| <u>GH - Ghana</u>         | Fishery products  | 2013-6707     |
| <u>GL – Greenland</u>     | Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs   | 2013-6705     |
| <u>GT - Guatemala</u>     | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                              | 2013-6765     |
| <u>ID - Indonesia</u>     | Fishery products  | 2013-6702     |

| THIRD COUNTRY                          | Тнеме   | <u>Reference</u><br><u>Number</u> |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Animal casings  | 2013-6885                         |
| <u>IN - India</u>                      | Plant health – fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, wood packaging material       | 2013-6818                         |
|  | Contaminants  | 2013-6683                         |
|  | Pesticides  | 2013-6690                         |
| The Terre of                           | Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products  | 2013-6697<br>2013-6724            |
| <u>IL – Israel</u>                     | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6724                         |
|  | Milk/milk based products; babyfood  | 2013-0090                         |
|  | Fishery products  | 2013-6704                         |
| <u>KE – Kenya</u>                      | Plant health - fruit and vegetables, plants (for planting), cut                 | 2013-6817                         |
|  | flowers Pesticides  | 2013-6692                         |
| KR – Korea,                            |   |                                   |
| <u>Republic of</u>                     | Aquaculture – animal health   | 2013-6800                         |
| LB – Lebanon                           | Meat products; casings  | 2013-6863                         |
|  | Pesticides  | 2013-6687                         |
| <u>MA – Morocco</u>                    | Animal by-products  | 2013-6743                         |
| <u>MV – Maldives</u>                   | Fishery products  | 2013-6712                         |
| <u> MY – Malaysia</u>                  | Fruit and vegetables – plant health   | 2013-6816                         |
| <u> MZ – Mozambique</u>                | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                    | 2013-6766                         |
|  | Foot-and-mouth disease controls   | 2013-6782                         |
| <u>NA – Namibia</u>                    | Farmed game meat; fresh meat, meat products (both audits combined)              | 2013-6774                         |
| <u>NZ – New Zealand</u>                | Fishery products; live bivalve molluscs   | 2013-6709                         |
| <u> PA – Panama</u>                    | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                    | 2013-6851                         |
| <u>PG – Papua New</u><br><u>Guinea</u> | Fishery products  | 2013-6717                         |
| <u>PE – Peru</u>                       | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                    | 2013-6853                         |
|  | Fishery products  | 2013-6730                         |
| <u>RU – Russian</u>                    | Animal by-products  | 2013-6746                         |
| Federation                             | General animal health   | 2013-6801                         |
|  | Poultry meat/poultry meat products (depending on the availability of resources) | 2013-6732                         |
| <u>SG – Singapore</u>                  | Plants and plant products – plant health  | 2013-6814                         |
| <u>SN – Senegal</u>                    | Fishery products  | 2013-6708                         |
| <u>SV – El Salvador</u>                | Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)                    | 2013-6852                         |
| <u>TH – Thailand</u>                   | Poultry meat/poultry meat products  | 2013-6727                         |
|  | Animal by-products  | 2013-6736                         |
| <u>UA – Ukraine</u>                    | Poultry meat  | 2013-6734                         |
| <u>US – United States</u>              | Fresh meat  | 2013-6869                         |
|  | Animal by-products  | 2013-6745                         |
| <u>UY – Uruguay</u>                    | Fresh meat  | 2013-6892                         |
| <u>VN – Viet Nam</u>                   | Food hygiene  | 2013-6677                         |

NB. Two additional third country audits (organic farming – control body to be confirmed and fishery products – country to be confirmed)

