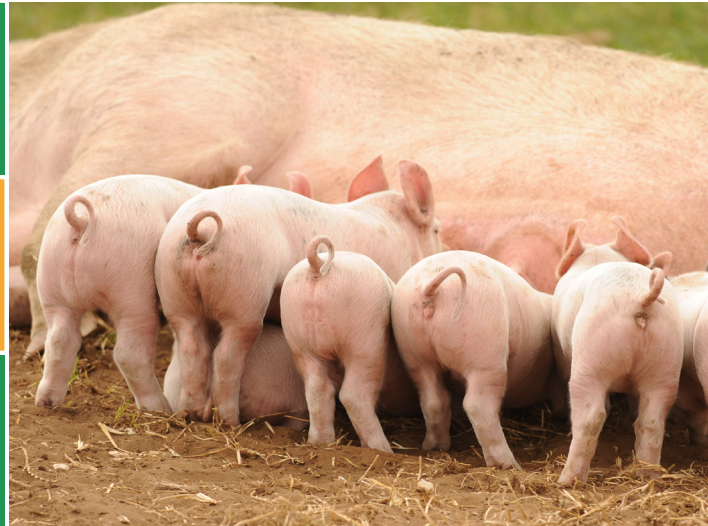
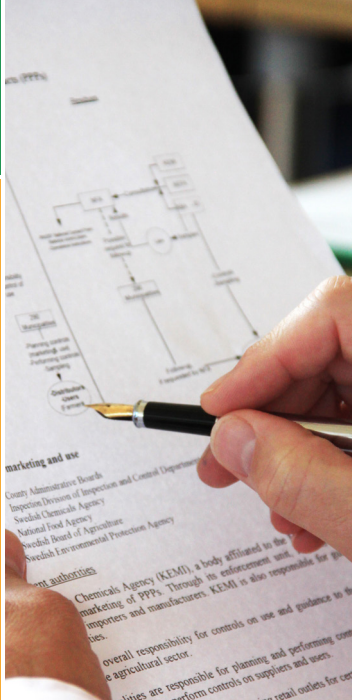




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1. Introduction

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), and, in particular, its Directorate on Health and Food Audits and Analysis, carries out audits to ensure that EU legislation on food safety, animal health, animal welfare, plant health and some areas of human health is properly implemented and enforced.

DG SANTE published its detailed work programme of audits and analysis for 2018 on the following European Commission's website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits_analysis/audit_programmes_en

The detailed work programme provides

- an overview on key Commission priorities and objectives to which the audit and analysis work contributes;
- a detailed description of the projects planned by DG Health and Food Safety in the areas of
 - human health
 - animal health and zoonoses
 - animal welfare
 - plant health
 - food safety
 - food quality
 - genetically modified organisms
 - feed safety, animal by-products and TSEs
 - import controls and trade-related activities
 - horizontal control issues, follow-up and BTSF (Better training for safer food) training;
- an outline of its strategic multi-annual programme of audits and assessments for 2018 – 2020 and
- a report on the execution of the audit programme 2016.

This present document updates the detailed work programme for the second half of 2018, taking account of changes that have become necessary as

the year progressed. These were mainly due to new emerging priorities, which led to modifications of the programme including the cancellation or postponement of already planned audits (compare chapter 2.1).

The audit reports with findings and recommendations are published together with the responses of competent authorities at the website of DG SANTE:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/index.cfm

In addition to the individual audit reports, DG SANTE produces overview reports which are discussed with stakeholders to help with implementation, or may help in the production or review of legislation. These reports may also be used in training sessions, mainly in the framework of the Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF).

http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/overview_reports/index.cfm

The audit and analysis work carried out by DG SANTE contributes to the development of evidence-based policies, in particular, through the increased country knowledge available. The knowledge built is presented in "country profiles" on each Member State outlining the state-of-play of their performance and providing in-depth country-specific knowledge.

The country profiles can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/country_profiles/index.cfm

2. Health and Food Audit and Analysis Programme for July to December 2018

This update is based on DG SANTE's Programme of Health and Food Audits and Analysis for 2018 which can be found on: https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits_analysis/audit_programmes_en

It focusses on audit activities only.

2.1. Main updates to the annual work programme

In the **first half of 2018**, 120 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments were carried out. Of those, 89 were in the EU Member States and 31 in non-EU countries, including countries negotiating to join the EU.

Audits were the majority (95); in addition, 12 fact-finding missions and one country visit (in the area of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)) were carried out as well as 12 joint assessments, together with Member States' designating authorities in the medical devices area.

The updated programme for the second half of 2018 contains a number of changes to the original programme.

Some programmed audits (15) had to be postponed or cancelled due to:

- **other emerging priorities;**
- **lack of preparedness of competent authorities;**
- **organisational reasons.**

Where possible audits from the reserve list or on new priorities have been scheduled (10 audits) to replace the postponed or cancelled audits.

2.2. Overview of the audit programme for July to December 2018

Work programme priorities

Work on all projects outlined in the detailed programme for 2018 will continue and feed into important Commission and DG Health and Food Safety objectives such as

- Tackling antimicrobial resistance
- Better preparedness, prevention and response to human, animal and plant health threats
- Safe and sustainable food and food production systems (including the welfare of animals)
- Ensuring effective implementation of EU food legislation and
- Effective, efficient and reliable controls

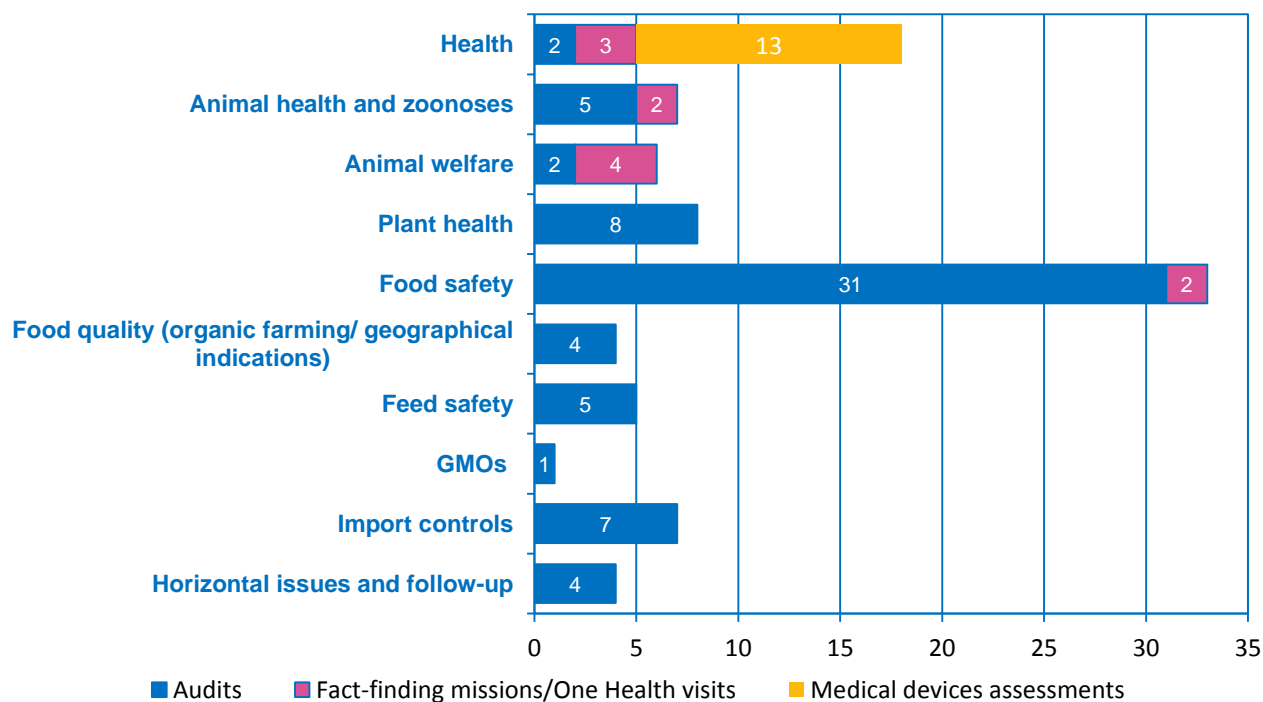
Number of audits and missions

In the **second half of 2018**, 93 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments are programmed. Of those, 68 will be in the EU Member States and 25 in non-EU countries, including countries negotiating to join the EU.

Audits will make up the majority of the programme (69); in addition, six fact-finding missions and five country visits (one in the area of AMR and 4 in the area of animal welfare - tail docking of piglets) will be carried out as well as 13 joint assessments in the medical devices area.

Chart 1 provides an overview of audits, missions and visits, by main area.

Chart 1: Audits, fact-finding missions, visits and assessments in the second half of 2018, by main area



2.3. Audits in Member States

DG Health and Food Safety plans 68 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments in Member States in the second half of 2018 (including one country visit on AMR One Health and four expert task forces on tail-docking of pigs). An overview of these is provided in chart 2. Chart 3 shows the breakdown of the 16 visits in the food safety area and in the public health area while Annex 1 lists all audits, visits and assessments by country.

While the majority of projects in Member States outlined in the detailed work programme for 2018 will continue into 2019, the following projects will conclude in 2018 or in the beginning of 2019 and their results will be summarised in overview reports and/or followed up by workshops or BTSF training with Member States:

- Antimicrobial resistance monitoring;
- Antimicrobial resistance – prudent use of antimicrobials in animals;
- Emergency preparedness for natural disasters affecting food, animals and feed;
- Live bivalve molluscs;
- Food information to consumers and nutrition and health claims;
- Food contact materials;
- Biocides;
- Internet sales of food;
- Food waste;
- Genetically modified organisms (GMOs);
- Member States' audit systems.

Chart 2: Audits, fact-finding missions and assessments in Member States in the second half of 2018

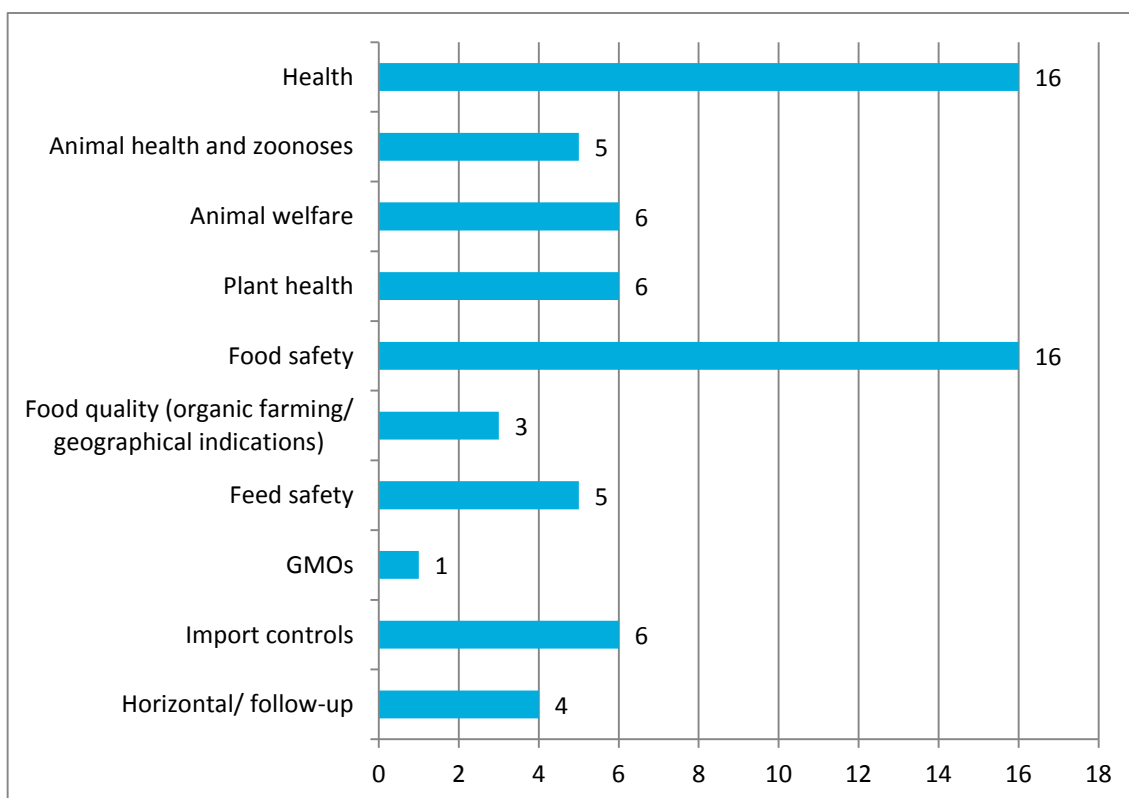
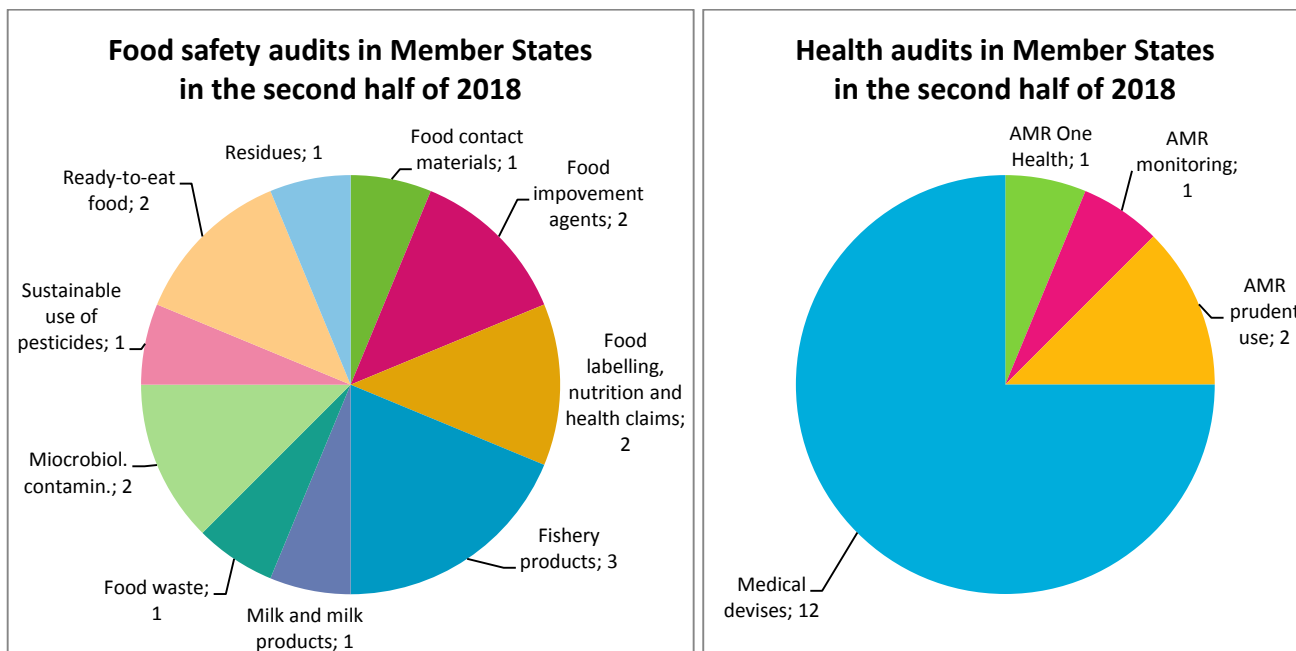


Chart 3: Audits in the area of food safety and health in Member States in the second half of 2018



2.4. Audits in non-EU countries

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

In the second half of 2018, it will carry out 25 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments in non-EU countries as shown in chart 4. The highest number of visits will be in the food safety area (17). Chart 5 shows the breakdown of these visits.

The projects on aquaculture primary production in non-EU countries will conclude in 2018 and its results will be summarised in an overview report.

Annexes 2 (countries negotiating to join the EU) and 3 (other non-EU countries) list all audits and missions by country alphabetically.

The readiness of application files (such as timely replies by competent authorities to pre-audit questionnaires) and accommodation of emerging priorities are always major conditions for the completion of the audit programme. Therefore, a number of non-EU country audits can only be programmed provisionally.

Chart 4: Audits and fact-finding missions in non-EU countries in the second half of 2018

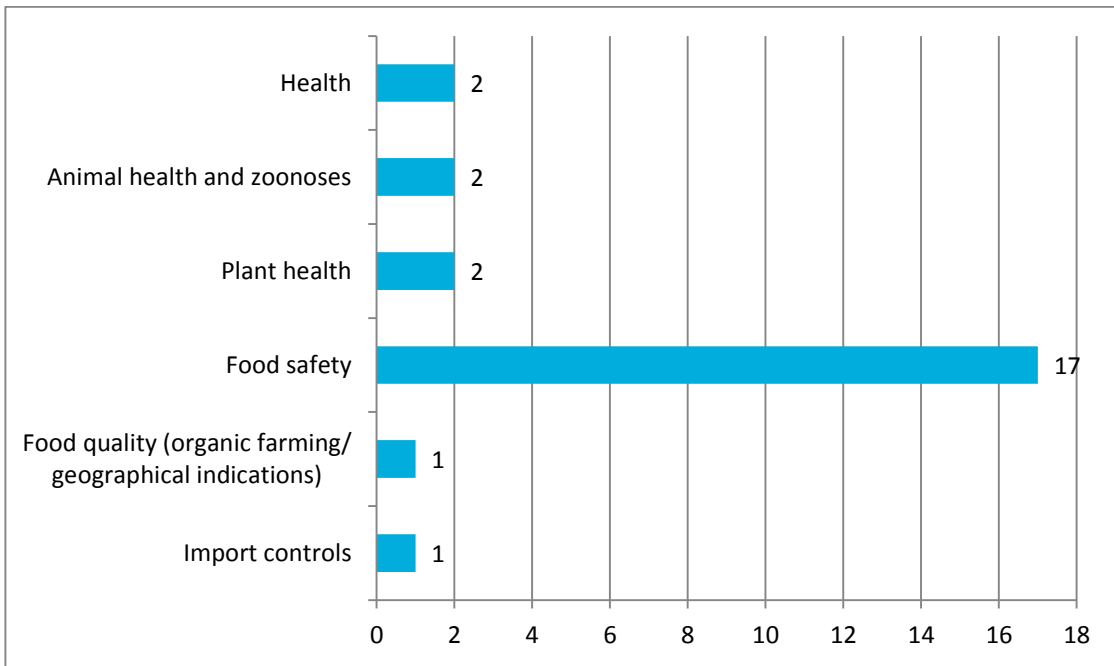
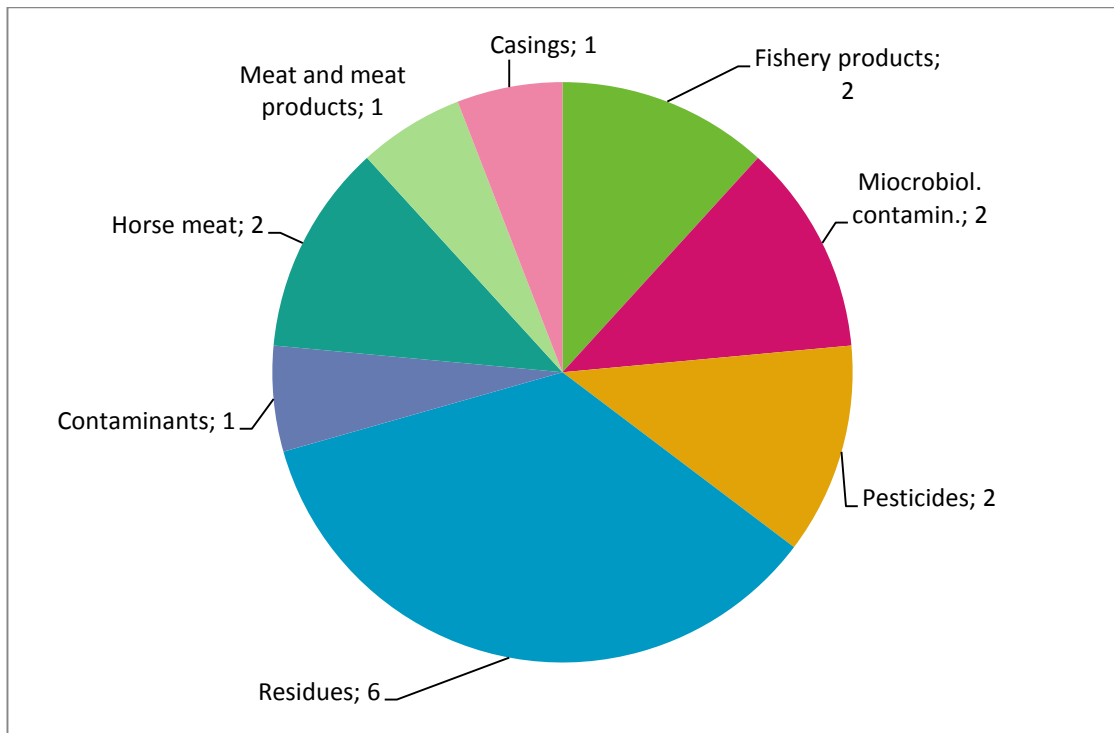


Chart 5: Audits and fact-finding missions in non-EU countries in the second half of 2018 in the area of food safety



Annex 1. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2018

MEMBER STATE	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Belgique/België (Belgium)	Food waste	fact-finding	2018-6413
	Food improvement agents	audit	2018-6431
	Processed animal proteins	audit	2018-6335
България (Bulgaria)	Milk and milk products	audit	2018-6463
	Sustainable use of pesticides	audit	2018-6364
	AMR One Health	country visit	2018-6517
	National audit systems	audit	2018-6474
Česká republika (Czech Republic)	Genetically modified organisms	audit	2018-6498
	General follow-up	follow-up	2018-6476
Danmark (Denmark)	Tail-docking of pigs	task force visit	2018-6560
Deutschland (Germany)	Avian influenza	audit	2018-6412
	Import controls – food and live animals	audit	2018-6326
Eesti (Estonia)	African swine fever	audit	2018-6421
Éire/Ireland	-		
Ελλάδα (Greece)	Feed additives and ingredients	audit	2018-6318
España (Spain)	Animal welfare – transport	audit	2018-6446
	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Tecia</i>)	audit	2018-6486
	Plant health (Canary Islands)	audit	2018-6491
	Feed additives and ingredients	audit	2018-6316
	Tail-docking of pigs	task force visit	2018-6558
France	Ready-to-eat food	audit	2018-6450
	Fishery products	audit	2018-6379
	Avian influenza	audit	2018-6414
	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>)	audit	2018-6483
	Processed animal proteins	audit	2018-6337
	Tail-docking of pigs	task force visit	2018-6559
Hrvatska (Croatia)	Microbiological contamination – primary production	audit	2018-6384
	Animal welfare – transport	audit	2018-6447
	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG)	audit	2018-6405
Italia (Italy)	Food labelling; nutrition and health claims	audit	2018-6408
	Fishery products	audit	2018-6380
	AMR – prudent use of veterinary medicines	fact-finding	2018-6371
	General follow-up	follow-up	2018-6306
	Plant health – import controls*	audit	2018-6551

MEMBER STATE	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Kύπρος (Kypros)/Kίβρις (Cyprus)	Residues in food	audit	2018-6341
Latvija (Latvia)	-	-	-
Lietuva (Lithuania)	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG) Plant health – potatoes*	audit audit	2018-6403 2018-6489
Luxembourg	-		
Magyarország (Hungary)	-	-	-
Malta	AMR monitoring	audit	2018-6311
Nederland (Netherlands)	Plant health – import controls Feed – use of insects Tail-docking of pigs	audit audit task force visit	2018-6481 2018-6339 2018-6557
Österreich (Austria)	-	-	-
Polska (Poland)	Ready-to-eat food Avian influenza	audit audit	2018-6451 2018-6416
Portugal	Food improvement agents Fishery products Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>) AMR – prudent use of veterinary medicines	audit audit audit fact-finding	2018-6428 2018-6378 2018-6488 2018-6370
România (Romania)	Food labelling; nutrition and health claims Import controls – food and live animals Organic farming *	audit audit audit	2018-6410 2018-6320 2018-6556
Slovenija (Slovenia)	Import controls – food and live animals	audit	2018-6323
Slovensko (Slovakia)	Rabies	audit	2018-6442
Suomi/Finland	-		
Sverige (Sweden)	Microbiological contamination – primary production Food contact materials Import controls – food and live animals	audit audit audit	2018-6383 2018-6377 2018-6325
United Kingdom	General follow-up	follow-up	2018-6469

* audits added due to emerging priorities and/or cancellation of other audits

In addition, one further audit is planned on **plant pest outbreaks** (Member State to be confirmed).

Some audits will be combined into one visit.

Furthermore, 12 joint assessments of the performance and designation of notified bodies in the **medical devices** sector, together with designating authorities from the Member States will be performed in the second half of 2018.

Annex 2. Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2018

Audits in countries negotiating to join the EU will be targeted at exports of products in 2018.

CANDIDATE COUNTRY	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Shqipëria (Albania)	Residues in food	audit	2018-6346
	Lumpy skin disease	fact-finding	2018-6532
	Fishery products	audit	2018-6464
Türkiye (Turkey)	Fishery products	audit	2018-6508
	Contaminants – aflatoxin in figs*	audit	2018-6541

** audits added due to emerging priorities and/or cancellation of other audits*

Annex 3. Audits in non-EU Countries¹ in the second half of 2018

The readiness of application files (such as timely replies by competent authorities to pre-audit questionnaires) and also certain specific regional circumstances (e.g. security considerations) are always major conditions for the completion of the audit programme. Therefore, a number of non-EU country audits can only be programmed provisionally.

NON-EU COUNTRY	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
AR – Argentina	Horse meat	audit	2018-6459
BD – Bangladesh	Residues in food	audit	2018-6354
CA – Canada	Horse and game meat	audit	2018-6458
	Microbiological contamination – primary production	audit	2018-6387
CH - Switzerland	Meat and meat products	audit	2018-6456
CL – Chile	Microbiological contamination – primary production	audit	2018-6388
CN – China	Casings	audit	2018-6452
	Residues in food	audit	2018-6347
EC – Ecuador	Residues in food	audit	2018-6352
ID – Indonesia	Residues in food	audit	2018-6350
IL – Israel	Sustainable use of pesticides	fact-finding	2018-6368
IN - India	Pesticides	audit	2018-6535
NG – Nigeria	Plant health – alert list	audit	2018-6492
UA - Ukraine	African swine fever	fact-finding	2018-6425
US – United States	Plant health – planting material	audit	2018-6495
	Food safety systems recognition	audit	2018-6355
	Residues in food	audit	2018-6351

¹ including European Economic Area (EEA) countries

Furthermore, one audit of a **recognised control body in the area of organic farming** operating in a non-EU country (Paraguay) is planned.

Two visits are planned in the public health area: one audit on **active pharmaceutical ingredients** and one joint assessment of the performance and designation of a notified body in the **medical devices** sector (in an EEA country).

Some audits will be combined into one visit.

