

Programme assessment sheet - Implementation year 2016

Member State:

Disease: Zoonotic *Salmonella* – Control programme in **laying flocks of *Gallus gallus***

NB: - Regulation (EU) No 517/2011 is thereafter called the "Layers Regulation"

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1. Do the objectives of the programme clearly include the Union target ⁱⁱ ?	A.1		
2. Does the programme present an improvement of the situation (or a similarly good situation) compared to the previous years?	C.1.2		
3. For a multiannual programme, do the objectives plan the improvement of the situation during the implementation period?	C		
<p>4. Is the management of the programme clearly defined and described?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central control, • available resources, • satisfactory identification of the flocks, • monitoring of implementation of described measures (FBO sampling, official sampling, eradication measures, etc), • respective responsibilities of competent authorities (CAs) and food and feed business operators 	B		
<p>5. Does the programme indicate clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of flocks under the programme, • the number of holdings with at least 1000 birds, • the number of holdings where official samples will be taken, • the number of flocks where official samples will be taken • the number of flock visits for taking official samples? 	A.3		
<p>6. Does the programmeⁱⁱⁱ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cover all adult laying flocks producing table eggs? • cover all flocks of pullets (future layers of table eggs)? 	A.3		

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<p>7. Is the testing scheme (FBO sampling) of the programme compliant with EU legislation (Annex of the Layers Regulation and Annex II.B of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003)?</p>	<p>A.6 A.7</p>		
<p>8. Is the testing scheme (official sampling) of the programme compliant with the Layers Regulation? (Points 2.1.3 & and 2.2.2 of the Annex of the Layers Regulation - official sampling at least in all holdings comprising at least 1000 birds)</p>			
<p>9. In case <i>Salmonella</i> spp is detected in a flock (FBO or official sample), is the timing of the implementation of restrictive measures on the holding appropriate until the actual field strain serotype is known^{iv}?</p>			
<p>10. In case a targeted <i>Salmonella</i> serovar is detected in a flock on a FBO sample, is the procedure followed by the Competent Authority (CA) clearly described? In line with EU requirements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of provisions of Annex II.D.2 and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 (measures implemented on eggs and birds) or • if suspicion of false positive result, official repeated sampling (Annex II.D.4 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003), including antimicrobial checks)? <p>NB: official confirmatory sampling after a positive FBO sample is not supposed to be done routinely.</p>	<p>A.4 A.8 A.17 A.14c</p>		
<p>11. In case a confirmatory sampling or repeated sampling is performed, are restrictive measures implemented on the holding</p>	<p>A.14c</p>		

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pending the results?			
12. In case a targeted <i>Salmonella</i> serovar is detected in a flock, is the procedure followed by the CA clearly described? In line with EU requirements: implementation of provisions of Annex II.D.2 and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 (measures implemented on eggs and birds)?	A.8		
13. Will testing of antimicrobials or bacterial growth inhibitors be done when relevant ^v ? Are the consequences of a positive result described? In line with EU requirements?	A.14d		
14. Are official checks described concerning the correct use of antimicrobials ^{vi} ?	A.14d		
15. Are measures described to ensure that fresh poultry meat placed on the market for human consumption deriving from a <i>Salmonella</i> -positive flock complies with EU bacteriological requirements (food chain information, micro criteria) ^{vii} ? Are they relevant?	A.9		
16. If vaccination is performed, is the use of vaccines in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1176/2006?	A.15		
17. Are the provisions concerning compensation satisfactory ^{viii} ?	A.16		
18. Are samples transported and stored in accordance with point 3.1.1 of Annex to the Breeders Regulation?	A.12		
19. Will laboratory analysis be carried out in compliance with point	A.11		

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3.2 (detection method), 3.3 (serotyping) and 3.4 (alternative method) of Annex to the Layers Regulation?			
20. Will analysis be performed in laboratories approved by the CA and accredited to ISO 17025 for the <i>Salmonella</i> tests?	A.10		
<p>21. Biosecurity and hygiene management measures at farms:</p> <p>Are they part of the programme?</p> <p>Are they fit for purpose?</p> <p>Are they regularly checked / enforced by the CA?</p>	A.5 A.14a		
22. Are the proposed measures described in the programme the most (cost) efficient and (cost) effective given the specific circumstances, such as disease situation and resources?			

Overall assessment of the programme and grade (poor/fair/good/very good)ⁱ :

List of clarifications and amendments to be required to the Member state concerning the submitted programme to enable its complete final assessment (to be performed by the Commission):

Individual assessment	Consensus assessment
Expert name: Date: Signature	Rapporteur name: Date Signature
	Expert name: Date Signature

ⁱ Definitions of grades to be given to the programmes (overall and separate elements)

Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant information required by Commission Decision 2008/425/EC is missing• Information necessary to assess the validity of a proposed measure is missing• Contradictory information is provided in the programme• Incompliance with the EU legislation identified
Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Globally compliant with the requirements and acceptably clear for the assessor but still clarifications, modifications or additional information is needed
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully compliant and clear or very minor clarifications needed
Very good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The quality and precision of the programme or measure deserve a special mention

ⁱⁱ Article 1 of the Layers Regulation (prevalence reduction, 2 targeted serovars including monophasic ST)

ⁱⁱⁱ Except flocks for private use or for local production, as described in Article 1.3 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003

^{iv} To evaluate the correctness of the timing, to see if the MS took into account the following parameters to implement or not restrictive measures: flock age, SE/ST vaccination history, SE/ST incidence in the MS, situation of this poultry population in this MS vis-à-vis Union target (in 2012 layers populations were above Union targets in BE, CY, LU), any risk factor (e.g. presence on the holding of other animal species prone to *Salmonella* infection, poor biosecurity measures)

^v With repeated sampling (Annex II.D.4 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003) and under the circumstances described in point 2.2.2.2nd & of Annex to the Layers Regulation

^{vi} Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006

^{vii} Annex II, Section III of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 (FCI) and Row 1.28 of Chapter I of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005: absence of SE and ST in 5 samples of 25g of fresh poultry meat

^{viii} Legal basis, price paid, time between slaughtering/culling and payment, link between compensation and prompt slaughtering/culling, link between compensation and effective biosecurity measures, etc.