



DG SANTE audits on animal health conditions for trade / import of products of animal origin

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Audits since 2008

Third countries: AR, BR, PY, UY, CL, BW, MA, NA, SZ, ZA, IL, IN, JP, TH, BY, MD, MK, UA

- BOV, OVI, EQU
- RUF, RUW, EQW
- POU, RAT, E
- Milk, dairy products

Member States: BG, EE, EL, LP, LV, PL, RO

- ASF
- CSF
- LSD

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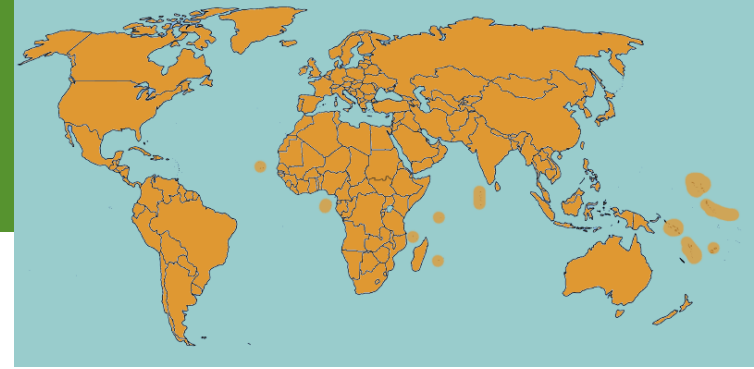


EU risk-mitigation system

- *Identification of risks*
 - **Diseases of concern - commodities**
- *Country listing*
 - **Organisation + Animal Health (AH) controls + ability to deliver guarantees**
- *Certification requirements*
 - **AH status of territory**
 - **AH status of place of origin**
 - **AH conditions for transport to slaughterhouse**
 - Linked to traceability



- *Certification requirements (ctd)*
 - **AH status of area surrounding place of origin**
 - **AH status of area surrounding slaughterhouse**
 - Linked to surveillance + reporting
 - **Processing mitigation measures**
 - Maturation and deboning
 - Delay in arriving into the EU
 - Specific treatments
- *Controls at destination: BIPs*
 - **Documentary – place of origin authorised**
 - **Identity**
 - **(Physical - sampling)**



Country listing

- *Use of general set of requirements (Art. 8 Dir 2002/99/EC)*
 - **Flexible enough: desk-based or field verification**
 - **Organisation and ability standards against which assessment is made (EU, OIE) are sometimes questioned by legal services**
- *Management of regionalisation*
 - **Complexity of management of changes of geographical boundaries for a region**



Commodity: meat from farmed or wild?

- **Definition in Annex 1 to Reg. 853/2004**
 - **Wild game:** "wild ungulates (...) *including* mammals living in enclosed territory under conditions of freedom similar to those of wild game"
 - **Farmed game:** "farmed land mammals other than (domestic ungulates)"
 - **Large wild game:** "wild mammals living freely in the wild (...)"
- **Adapted to animal health concern?**
 - Man-induced movements, control of residency
- **AHL: definition kept / non-kept animals**



Traceability

- *Meat from ungulates: residency in approved territory (3 months):*
 - **Not consistent with option to introduce from another approved territory (no total residency required)**
 - **Need of clarification of minimum residency requirement when movements between approved territories**



Traceability (2)

Meat from animals imported from the EU:

- **Need to keep as default option for all certificates (as recently introduced into POU)**
- *Traceability in holding of origin*
 - **Spell out objective, in order to clarify residency requirement vs standstill (no introduction)**



AH status in area surrounding place of origin

- *Level of expectations of control in backyard sector:*
 - **E.g. Newcastle Disease**
- *Relevance of some requirements:*
 - **E.g. glanders / AHS: only around slaughterhouses, not holdings of origin (no requirements regarding where animals came from)**
- *Radius adapted for wild animals ?*
 - **RUW, SUW: killed at more than 20 km from borders of not authorised areas**
 - **MP from WGM: no outbreak in 10 km around place of killing**



AH status of place of origin

- *No statement (EQU)*
- *Broad statements*
 - **"No official restriction for animal health reasons" (BOV)**
 - **"no animal health restriction because of outbreaks of disease to which these animals are susceptible" (WM)**
- *Targeted statement (MP)*
 - **"Not subject to restriction for the specific diseases mentioned in the certificate (s)..."**
 - In which case, we know that the CA has a system of restriction in case of suspicion / confirmation
- *Diseases of public health concern (tuberculosis, brucellosis)*
 - **In animal health certificates? Consistent with EU approach?**



Restrictions following heat treatment

- **Meat products: minimum distance from outbreaks required, despite inactivating treatment**
 - Only for mammal meat, not poultry meat
 - Directive: 2002/99/EEC allows treatments from areas under restriction
- **Egg products: either treatment, or minimum distance from outbreaks (HPAI, ND)**
 - Higher requirements than for fresh eggs (no such restriction of distance from outbreak)



Health requirements rabbit/hare meat

- **Animal health conditions for import have never been subject to SANTE audits:**
- **"Farms where no animal health restrictions have been in place": viral haemorrhagic disease, myxomatosis, tularemia**
 - No EU recognised national programmes (Annex B to Dir 92/65/EEC)



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Triangulation of fresh meat

- *"Non manipulation certificate" (storage and certification of fresh meat in a further third country – which may be listed but suspended for export)*
 - **Standards for transit country (+ basis for audit)**



Certification within EU

- **CSF (fresh meat, meat products), ASF (meat products): Added value of certification?**
 - Products placed on the market – health / identification mark
 - Traceability available at operator level
- **AI: no decision – no use?**
 - No experience from Directorate F – audits planned in 2018
- **Certification is only one tool – other options?**
 - Use of alternate health / identification marks (both for AH and PH reasons?)
 - Prior to treatment
 - Restriction to national market
 - Restriction to use in restricted zone
 - batch releases by officials at establishment level



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- **Risk management approach will have to be harmonised with the one applied to:**

- **Other products of animal origin for human consumption (aquatic animals)**
- **Products of animal origin use in feed (major risk!)**
- **Live animals and germinal products**

Thank you