



# Programme of Inspections 2007 by the Food and Veterinary Office July to December



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## 1. Introduction

This document sets out the inspection programme of DG Health and Consumer Protection for the second half of 2007. It updates the outline presented in the initial annual programme and introduces a detailed inspection programme for July to December.

There is always a degree of uncertainty attached to any SANCO inspection plan. Of necessity, it must remain flexible to enable it to respond to emergencies, other urgent issues and unforeseen circumstances. As in previous years, adjustments to the plan will be required as the year progresses. Inspections in response to emergencies can only be made by cancelling or postponing planned missions. Also, the carrying out of certain inspections will depend on the timely availability of resources.

The programme is also published at the DG Health and Consumer Protection website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/inspectprog/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/inspectprog/index_en.htm)

## 2. Balance of inspections

### 2.1. Balance of inspections on food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health

Table 1: Breakdown of inspections 2007- second half by main areas:

AREA	NO. OF INSPECTIONS	%
Food safety	88	70
Animal health	11	9
Animal welfare	9	7
Plant health	9	7
General review	9	7
<b>Total</b>	126	100

A total of 126 inspections are planned for the second half of the 2007 programme. Inspections in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme, 70%. 9% of inspections will be carried out in the animal health area and an equal number of inspections (7%) will deal with animal welfare, plant health and general reviews. Following the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety inspections also cover animal health and welfare elements.

## 2.2. Geographical balance

Around half of the inspections will take place in the European Union (52%). In EFTA countries, 5% of inspections are planned, while 10% of inspections will take place in candidate countries, and 33% in other third countries.

Table 2: Geographical breakdown of inspections 2007-second half by region:

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NO. OF INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>%</b>
EU-27	65	52
EFTA countries	6	5
Candidate countries	13	10
Other third countries	42	33
<b>Total</b>	126 <sup>1</sup>	100

<sup>1</sup> This figure contains a number of provisionally planned inspections in third countries (compare chapter 6, pg. 7).

## 3. Inspections in Member States

As stated, 52 % of the planned missions will be in Member States. Table 3 gives an overview on inspections in Member States by area and subject. A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 1.

Table 3: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007- second half in Member States

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION	
FOOD HYGIENE/ FOOD PRODUCTS	Infant/baby milk and baby food	IE <i>3 additional MS to be defined after desk analysis</i>	
	Table egg production sector (Salmonella)	CZ, HU, NL	
	Hygiene package (red meat/ meat products/ preparations/ milk/ milk products)	FI, DE, SE, UK, ES (Ceuta)	
	Food hygiene (food of plant origin and composite food) incl. mineral water/water in bottles and labelling of potential allergens	FR, LT, RO, UK	
	Red meat/ milk/ game meat/ products/ preparations (incl. animal health)	BG, RO	
	Food additives, flavourings and food contact materials	NL, ES* <i>*or 2008</i>	
IMPORT/ TRANSIT CONTROLS	Products of animal origin and live animals	LT	
	Food and feed of plant origin	AT	
FEED CONTROLS AND HYGIENE	Official controls/ feed hygiene	AT, BG, EE, LV, SI	
TSEs – ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS	TSEs (Scrapie)	EL, ES, DE	
GMOs	Genetically modified feed and food	NL, EL	
ANIMAL HEALTH	Intra-community trade of live animals	BE, CZ, SK	
	Horses	IT, LT, PL	
	Eradication programmes & contingency plans	Rabies	HU, CZ, SK
		TB	UK
	Ovine and caprine brucellosis	IT	
ANIMAL WELFARE	Animal welfare - general	BG	
	Transport – slaughter horses	IT, LT, PL, RO	
	Farms (pigs, calves and laying hens)	FI, SI	
	Export refunds for live cattle	DE*, FR* <i>*joint mission with DG AGRI to verify the payment of export refunds for live cattle</i>	

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
PLANT HEALTH	General plant health evaluation	NL
	Import controls	AT, PL, SE, UK
	Pest outbreaks (Potato spindle tuber viroid)	NL* <i>*combined with general plant health evaluation</i>
	Plant passport system	AT* <i>*combined with import controls mission</i>
GENERAL REVIEWS		
General review missions		RO
General review missions (Update)		HU, EE, PL, EL, IT, ES, DE

Desk analyses	
Residues – controls at border inspection posts	<i>Desk work and questionnaire to Member States</i>
Novel Foods	<i>Desk analysis end 2007</i>

#### 4. Inspections in EFTA Countries

The majority of inspections in EFTA countries will be done in the framework of the agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA agreement) and agreements between the European Union and Switzerland. A number of missions will be joint missions between the EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) and the FVO.

Table 4: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007-second half in EFTA Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
FOOD HYGIENE / FOOD PRODUCTS	Red meat, meat products, meat preparations	Iceland
	Fishery products (incl. aquaculture)	Norway, Switzerland
IMPORT CONTROLS	Products of animal origin and live animals	Switzerland, Iceland
PLANT HEALTH	General plant health equivalency	Switzerland

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 2.

## 5. Inspections in Candidate Countries

The Food and Veterinary Office continues to evaluate the progress candidate countries are making in their preparations for accession. 2007 will see inspections to Croatia, Turkey and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on a wide range of food safety, animal health and welfare and plant health issues. A general review of follow-up to FVO recommendations and with a view to developing a country profile, will accompany the programme in candidate countries.

Table 5: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007-second half in Candidate Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
FOOD HYGIENE / FOOD PRODUCTS incl. ANIMAL HEALTH	Animal health, food safety (Red meat/ milk/ game meat/ products/ preparations)	Croatia, Turkey
	Fish/ fishery products/ live bivalve molluscs	Croatia, Turkey
	Poultry/ poultry meat	Croatia
RESIDUES AND PESTICIDES	Residues and contaminants (live animals/animal products)	Turkey
	Pesticides	Turkey
IMPORT CONTROLS	Products of animal origin and live animals	Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
PLANT HEALTH	Plant health - general	the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

GENERAL REVIEWS	
General review missions	Turkey

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## 6. Inspections 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.

While the main part of these inspections is targeted at a review of existing approvals of major trade partners and follow-up to previous missions, there are also a number of new requests for approval which will need to be evaluated. The readiness of application files (such as, for example, timely replies by competent authorities to pre-mission questionnaires), but also certain specific regional circumstances (e.g. security considerations), are major conditions for the completion of the inspection programme. Therefore, a number of third country inspections can only be programmed provisionally at this stage.

Table 6: SANCO Inspection Programme 2007- second half in Third Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN  incl.  ANIMAL HEALTH (where applicable)	(Fish/)fishery products/aquaculture	Argentina, Azerbaijan, Mexico, Nigeria*, Solomon Islands, Viet Nam, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon*, Guatemala, Netherlands Antilles*, Uruguay, Mozambique, Belize, Angola, Panama  <i>* dependent on readiness of file</i>
	Live bivalve molluscs, fish	Malaysia
	Red meat, meat products, meat preparations	USA, Brazil <sup>a</sup> , South Africa <sup>a</sup> , Uruguay <sup>a</sup> , Zimbabwe <sup>a*</sup> , Swaziland <sup>a</sup> , Singapore*  <sup>a</sup> incl. FMD <i>* dependent on readiness of file</i>
	Milk, milk products	USA
	Ratites, poultry/ratite meat, meat products (AI, ND)	South Africa, Thailand, Zimbabwe*, Malaysia  <i>* dependent on readiness of file</i>
	Gelatine for human consumption	Pakistan, India
RESIDUES PESTICIDES CONTAMINANTS FOOD IRRADIATION	Residues and contaminants (live animals/animal products)	Bangladesh, Indonesia
	Pesticide residues in food of plant origin	Chile*, Kenya  <i>*dependent on readiness of file</i>
	Contaminants	Thailand*, Russian Federation*, Ghana  <i>*in herbs and spices</i>
ANIMAL NUTRITION / FEED	Feedstuffs	China, India
TSEs	TSEs (BSE)	Canada
PLANT HEALTH	Plant health controls for export	Kenya

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 4.



## Annex 1: Inspections in Member States, by Country alphabetically

<b><u>MEMBER STATE</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
<b><u>България (Bulgaria)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed Safety</li> <li>• Red Meat/Milk/Game Meat/Products/Preparations (incl. animal health)</li> <li>• Animal Welfare -general</li> </ul>
<b><u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intra-Community Trade of Live Animals</li> </ul>
<b><u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salmonella – Table Egg Production Sector</li> <li>• Rabies</li> <li>• Intra-Community Trade of Live Animals</li> </ul>
<b><u>Deutschland (Germany)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene Package (Red Meat/Milk/Products/Preparations)</li> <li>• Joint mission with DG AGRI to verify the payment of export refunds for live cattle</li> <li>• TSEs (Scrapie)</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Eesti (Estonia)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed Safety</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSEs (Scrapie)</li> <li>• Genetically Modified Feed and Food</li> <li>• General Review (update)</li> </ul>
<b><u>España (Spain)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Additives, Flavourings, Food Contact Materials<sup>1)</sup></li> <li>• TSEs (Scrapie)</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> <li>• Hygiene Package (Ceuta)</li> </ul>
<b><u>France</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Hygiene (Food of Plant Origin/Composite Food) incl. Mineral Water, Labelling of Potential Allergens</li> <li>• Joint mission with DG AGRI to verify the payment of export refunds for live cattle</li> </ul>
<b><u>Ireland</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infant/baby milk and baby food</li> </ul>
<b><u>Italia (Italy)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brucella melitensis (Ovine/Caprine)</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> <li>• Intra-community trade in live horses</li> <li>• Animal Welfare during Transport – Slaughter Horses</li> </ul>
<b><u>Latvija (Latvia)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed Safety</li> </ul>
<b><u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import/Transit Controls of Products of Animal Origin and Live Animals</li> <li>• Intra-community trade in live horses</li> <li>• Food Hygiene (Food of Plant Origin/Composite Food) incl. Mineral Water, Labelling of Potential Allergens</li> <li>• Animal Welfare during Transport – Slaughter Horses</li> </ul>

<b><u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salmonella – Table Egg Production Sector</li> <li>• Rabies</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salmonella – Table Egg Production Sector</li> <li>• Genetically Modified Feed and Food</li> <li>• Food Additives, Flavourings, Food Contact Materials</li> <li>• General plant health evaluation and Pest outbreaks (Potato spindle tuber viroid)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Österreich (Austria)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import Controls of Food and Feed of Plant Origin</li> <li>• Plant passport system and import controls (plant health)</li> <li>• Feed Safety</li> </ul>
<b><u>Polska (Poland)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Welfare during Transport – Slaughter Horses</li> <li>• Intra-community trade in live horses</li> <li>• Import Controls (Plant Health)</li> <li>• General review (update)</li> </ul>
<b><u>România (Romania)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Meat/Milk/Game Meat/Products/Preparations (incl. animal health)</li> <li>• Food Hygiene (Food of Plant Origin/Composite Food) incl. Mineral Water, Labelling of Potential Allergens</li> <li>• General Review</li> <li>• Animal Welfare during Transport – Slaughter Horses</li> </ul>
<b><u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Welfare on Farms (Pigs/Calves/Hens)</li> <li>• Feed Safety</li> </ul>
<b><u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rabies</li> <li>• Intra-Community Trade of Live Animals</li> </ul>
<b><u>Suomi/Finland</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene Package (Red Meat/Milk/Products/Preparations)</li> <li>• Animal Welfare on Farms (Pigs/Calves/Hens)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Sverige (Sweden)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene Package (Red Meat/Milk/Products/Preparations)</li> <li>• Import Controls (Plant Health)</li> </ul>
<b><u>United Kingdom</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene Package (Red Meat/Milk/Products/Preparations)</li> <li>• Food Hygiene (Food of Plant Origin/Composite Food) incl. Mineral Water, Labelling of Potential Allergens</li> <li>• Tuberculosis</li> <li>• Import controls (plant health)</li> </ul>

<sup>1)</sup> or in 2008

*Programme includes 3 additional inspections on infant/baby milk and baby food in Member States to be selected following desk analysis*

## Annex 2: Inspections in EFTA Countries, by Country alphabetically

<b><u>EFTA COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
<b><u>Iceland</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red meat/products/preparations</li> <li>• Import Controls of products of animal origin and live animals</li> </ul>
<b><u>Norway</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Switzerland</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import Controls of products of animal origin and live animals</li> <li>• General Plant Health Equivalency</li> <li>• Fishery products</li> </ul>

## Annex 3: Inspections in Candidate Countries, by Country alphabetically

<b><u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
<b><u>former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import Controls of products of animals origin and live animals</li> <li>• Plant Health - General</li> </ul>
<b><u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import Controls of products of animals origin and live animals</li> <li>• Red Meat/Milk/Game Meat/Products/Preparations (incl. animal health)</li> <li>• Fishery Products/Live Bivalve Molluscs</li> <li>• Poultry/Poultry Meat</li> </ul>
<b><u>Türkiye / Turkey</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide Residues in Food of Plant Origin</li> <li>• Import Controls of products of animals origin and live animals</li> <li>• Residues and contaminants (live animals/animal products)</li> <li>• Red Meat/Milk/Game Meat/Products/Preparations (incl. animal health)</li> <li>• Fishery Products/Live Bivalve Molluscs</li> <li>• Plant Health – General</li> <li>• General Review</li> </ul>

## Annex 4: Inspections in Third Countries, by Country alphabetically

<b><u>THIRD COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
<b><u>Angola</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>Argentina</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Azerbaijan</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>Bangladesh</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residues and contaminants (live animals/animal products)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Belize</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Brazil</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and public health review</li> </ul>
<b><u>Canada</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSEs (BSE)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Chile</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide Residues in Food of Plant Origin*</li> </ul>
<b><u>China</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedstuffs</li> </ul>
<b><u>Ecuador</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Fiji</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>Gabon</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products*</li> </ul>
<b><u>Ghana</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contaminants</li> </ul>
<b><u>Guatemala</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>India</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gelatine for Human Consumption</li> <li>• Feedstuffs</li> </ul>
<b><u>Indonesia</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residues and contaminants (live animals/animal products)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Kenya</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide Residues in Food of Plant Origin</li> <li>• Plant health controls for export</li> </ul>
<b><u>Malaysia</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poultry Meat/Meat Products</li> <li>• Live bivalve molluscs, fish</li> </ul>
<b><u>Mexico</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Mozambique</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>

<b><u>Netherlands Antilles</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products*</li> </ul>
<b><u>Nigeria</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)*</li> </ul>
<b><u>Pakistan</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gelatine for Human Consumption</li> </ul>
<b><u>Panama</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Russia</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contaminants</li> </ul>
<b><u>Singapore</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Meat/Products/Preparations*</li> </ul>
<b><u>Solomon Islands</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>South Africa</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and public health review</li> <li>• Live Poultry/Ratites and Poultry/Ratite Meat/Meat Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>Swaziland</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and public health review</li> </ul>
<b><u>Thailand</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Poultry and Poultry Meat/Meat Products</li> <li>• Contaminants</li> </ul>
<b><u>Uruguay</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and public health review</li> <li>• Fishery products</li> </ul>
<b><u>United States</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Meat/Products/Preparations</li> <li>• Milk/Milk Products</li> </ul>
<b><u>Vietnam</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery Products (incl. aquaculture)</li> </ul>
<b><u>Zimbabwe</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and public health review*</li> <li>• Live Poultry/Ratites and Poultry/Ratite Meat/Meat Products*</li> </ul>

*\*dependent on readiness of file*