

Food and Veterinary Office Programme of Audits July to December 2011



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1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit programme of DG Health and Consumers for the second half of 2011. It updates the 2011 plan published in December last, taking account of the delivery to date and of modifications that had to be made to the programme.

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 planned missions. Also, the carrying out of certain audits will depend on the timely availability of resources.

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

http://www.ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/inspectprog/index_en.htm

2. Number and Distribution of Audits

Table 1. Breakdown of audits in the second half of 2011 by main areas:

AREA	No. of Audits	%
Food Safety	86	70
Animal Health	11	9
Animal Welfare	7	6
Plant Health	5	4
General Follow-Up	14	11
Total	123	100

As shown in table 1, 123 audits are planned for the second half of 2011. As usual, audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (70%). Many of these audits also cover animal health and animal welfare, in line with the "farm to fork" approach. 9 and 6% of audits, respectively, will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas. 4% of audits deal with phytosanitary controls while 11% are targeted at the follow-up to FVO report recommendations and the further development and/or update of country profiles.

Table 2. Geographical breakdown of audits in the second half of 2011:

COUNTRY	No. of Audits	%
EU-27	69	56
Candidate countries	9	7
Other third countries	45	37
Total	123	100

As can be seen in table 2, 56% of the audits in the second half of 2011 are planned in the European Union. 7% of audits will take place in candidate countries and 37% in other third countries. Taking into account that one sixth 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 more than 50% of the programme.

3. Updated List of Audits in Member States in the Second Half of 2011

Table 3 gives an overview on all audits planned in Member States in the second half of 2011 by area and sector. Some of the subjects may be combined into one single audit (compare [Annex 1](#) which lists all audits in Member States in alphabetical order).

Table 3. Audits in the second half of 2011 in Member States:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Traceability (beef and beef products)	Germany
	Hygiene package (meat/milk)	Ireland
	Fresh meat (slaughter/processing)	Netherlands
	Sheepmeat (slaughter/processing)	United Kingdom
	Farmed / wild game meat production (<i>fact-finding</i>)	Germany, Sweden
	Microbiological criteria	Germany
	Poultry meat / poultry meat products	Netherlands
	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	Austria, Ireland, Estonia
	Fishery products (direct landing)	Spain
	Live bivalve molluscs	Spain, France, Greece
Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import controls (BIP based controls)	Greece, Belgium, Italy, Malta, Latvia
	Import controls (non-BIP based controls)	Germany, Cyprus, Slovenia, France, Bulgaria
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Food hygiene	Bulgaria, Austria, Estonia
	Food contact materials	Hungary
	Food additives	Hungary
	Import controls	Lithuania
	Pesticides	Ireland, Romania, Slovakia
	Genetically modified food, feed and seed	Germany, Portugal, Spain, Sweden
Feed Safety	Microbiological contamination	Germany
	Official controls on feed legislation	Portugal, United Kingdom

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION	
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE's)/Animal By-Products (ABP)	Feed ban and organic fertilizers/soil improvers	Portugal	
	Animal-by-products	Finland, Slovenia	
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	Malta, Netherlands, Portugal	
Animal Health	Foot-and-mouth disease laboratories	Greece, Spain	
	Electronic identification (EID) of sheep	Portugal, Spain	
	Intra-Union trade (IUT)	Cattle, sheep, goats	France
	Aquaculture		Denmark
	Eradication and monitoring programmes / control measures	Tuberculosis	United Kingdom
		Classical swine fever	Romania
Animal Welfare	Welfare on farms / during transport	Hungary, Italy, Slovakia	
Plant Health	Import Controls	France	
	Plant pest outbreaks	<i>Anoplophora chinensis and glabripennis</i>	Netherlands

GENERAL FOLLOW-UP	COUNTRY/REGION
General follow-up missions	Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Romania, Sweden

4. Updated List of Audits in Candidate Countries and potential Candidate Countries in the Second Half of 2011

A key priority in candidate countries for 2011 will be the monitoring of Croatia's and Iceland's state of preparedness for accession, but audits are also planned to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, in part targeted specifically at the countries' export sector.

The FVO will also carry out general follow-up missions to Croatia, Iceland and to Serbia, a potential candidate, to update its country profiles and to review the progress on follow-up to FVO recommendations.

Table 4. Audits in the second half of 2011 in candidate countries and potential candidate countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Food-processing establishments (meat and milk)	Iceland
	Export of eggs / poultry meat products	former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the*
	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	Turkey*
Food of Non-Animal Origin	Food hygiene, traceability, labelling and bottled water	Croatia
TSEs/ABPs	Animal by-products	Turkey
Animal Welfare	Laying Hens	Croatia
	General animal welfare	former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the
General follow-up mission "Enlargement"	General follow-up	Croatia, Iceland, Serbia

* *Export-related audits*

A list of audits, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in [Annex 2](#).

5. Updated List of Audits in Third Countries in the Second Half of 2011

In third countries, 45 audits are planned for the second semester of 2011, as shown in table 5.

As usual, the readiness of application files (such as, for example, timely replies by competent authorities to pre-audit 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 at this stage.

Table 5. Audits in the second half of 2011 in third countries:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Fresh meat	Brazil*, United States, Greenland, Colombia <i>*horsemeat, pigmeat</i>
	Meat products / minced meat / meat preparations / MSM	United States
	Milk / milk-based products	New Zealand, Belarus
	Casings	United States, India

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	Gelatine	Brazil, United States, India
	Poultry meat / poultry meat products	China
	Egg products	India
	Fishery products¹	Venezuela, India ² , Honduras
	(Live) bivalve molluscs	China
	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	Thailand, Albania, Tunisia
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Contaminants	India*, China <i>*guar gum; spices</i>
	Pesticides	India, United States, Peru
Feed Safety	Feed additives	Ukraine, Canada
	Feed materials	Argentina, Brazil
TSEs/ABPs	Animal by-products	Australia
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, Moldova
Animal Health	Beef	Brazil
	Aquaculture	Malaysia, South Korea
	Live horses / semen collection centres	United States
Animal Welfare	Standards in EU-approved slaughterhouses <i>(fact-finding)</i>	Brazil, Swaziland
Plant Health	Export controls of existing trade	Brazil, Argentina, Israel

A list of audits, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in [Annex 3](#).

¹ The FVO will also participate in an audit of the EFTA Surveillance. Authority to Norway on Fishery products (2011-6264)

² Fishery products and aquaculture products

Annex 1: Audits in Member States, by country in alphabetical order

MEMBER STATE	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2011-8920
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	Food Hygiene –natural mineral waters – allergens labelling	2011-8994
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)	2011-8924
	General follow-up	2011-6086
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	Aquaculture – animal health	2011-6041
	General follow-up	2011-6089
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	Genetically modified food, feed and seed including environmental release	2011-8981
	Traceability of fresh bovine meat and bovine products from holding to trade	2011-6014
	Microbiological criteria	2011-6016
	Farmed and wild game meat	2011-6015
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)	2011-8939
	Microbiological contamination	2011-6251
	General follow-up	2011-6075
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2011-8854
	Food hygiene – natural mineral waters – allergens labelling	2011-8995
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2011-8852
	Pesticides	2011-8990
	Hygiene Package (meat/milk)	2011-6017
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	Import controls (BIP based controls)	2011-6245
	Foot-and-mouth disease laboratories	2011-6044
	Live bivalve molluscs	2011-8883
<u>España (Spain)</u>	Fishery products	2011-6151
	Genetically modified food, feed and seed including environmental release	2011-8982
	Foot-and-mouth disease laboratories	2011-6055
	Live bivalve molluscs	2011-8881
	Electronic identification of sheep	2011-6054
<u>France</u>	Import controls – plant health	2011-8973
	Live bivalve molluscs	2011-8882
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)	2011-8917
	Intra-Union trade in cattle, sheep and goats	2011-6043
	General follow-up	2011-6092
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Animal Welfare during transport and on farms	2011-6048
	General follow-up	2011-6088
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2011-8964

MEMBER STATE	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Kύπρος (Kypros)/Kıbrıs (Cyprus)</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)	2011-8936
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2011-8967
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Import controls of food of non-animal origin	2011-8986
<u>Luxembourg</u>	General follow-up	2011-6083
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	General follow-up	2011-6078
	Animal welfare during transport and on farms	2011-6045
	Food additives; food contact materials	2011-8999
<u>Malta</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8859
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (BIP based controls)	2011-8963
	General follow-up	2011-6087
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	Poultry meat/poultry meat products	2011-6008
	Fresh meat, meat products, preparations and casings	2011-6019
	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8915
	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> and <i>glabripennis</i>)	2011-8978
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	Food hygiene – natural mineral waters – allergens labelling	2011-8993
	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes (breeders, laying hens, broilers, turkeys)	2011-8842
	General follow-up	2011-6084
<u>Portugal</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8858
	Genetically modified food, feed and seed including environmental release	2011-6260
	Feed ban and organic fertilisers/soil improvers – <i>combined with feed safety mission</i>	2011-8957
	Electronic identification of sheep	2011-6051
	Feed safety - <i>combined with feed ban mission</i>	2011-8942
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Classical swine fever control and monitoring programme	2011-6046
	General follow-up	2011-6085
	Pesticides	2011-8991
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	Animal by-products	2011-8947
	Import controls of animals and food of animal origin (non-BIP based controls)	2011-8930
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Animal welfare during transport and on farms	2011-6053
	Pesticides	2011-8992
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	Animal by-products	2011-8959
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	GM food, feed and seed including environmental release	2011-8983
	General follow-up	2011-6090
	Farmed and wild game meat	2011-6022
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Tuberculosis eradication programme	2011-6057
	Feed safety	2011-8955
	Fresh meat, sheepmeat	2011-6025

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

<u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u>	Food hygiene – natural mineral waters – allergens labelling Animal welfare on farms (laying hens) General follow-up - enlargement	2011-6042 2011-6109 2011-6095
<u>Ísland / Iceland</u>	General follow-up - enlargement Upgrading of food processing establishments (fresh meat, milk)	2011-6094 2011-6134
<u>поранешна југословенска Република Македонија / Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the</u>	Poultry meat/poultry meat products; eggs General animal welfare	2011-8845 2011-6110
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	Animal by-products Live bivalve molluscs, fishery products	2011-6240 2011-8887

Annex 3: Audits in Third Countries, by country in alphabetical order

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>AL - Albania</u>	Fishery products, live bivalve molluscs	2011-8904
<u>AR - Argentina</u>	Feed safety Citrus - plant health Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8953 2011-6064 2011-8903
<u>AU - Australia</u>	Animal by-products	2011-8962
<u>BR - Brazil</u>	Feed safety Animal welfare at the time of slaughter Gelatine Citrus - plant health Pigmeat; Horsemeat	2011-8960 2011-6104 2011-6132 2011-6065 2011-6139
<u>BY - Belarus</u>	Milk / milk-based products	2011-6226
<u>CA - Canada</u>	Feed safety (feed additives and premixtures) Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-6141 2011-8913
<u>CN - China</u>	Poultry meat/poultry meat products Live bivalve molluscs Contaminants (mycotoxins)	2011-8848 2011-8895 2011-6038
<u>CO - Colombia</u>	Fresh meat	2011-6136
<u>GL - Greenland</u>	Fresh meat	2011-6138
<u>HN - Honduras</u>	Fishery products	2011-8892

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>IL - Israel</u>	Plants and plants products	2011-6068
<u>IN - India</u>	Gelatine; animal casings	2011-6137
	Egg products	2011-8853
	Contaminants	2011-6060
	Fishery products and aquaculture	2011-8898
	Pesticides	2011-6037
<u>KR - South Korea</u>	Aquaculture – animal health	2011-6117
<u>MD - Moldova</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8971
<u>MX - Mexico</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8906
<u>MY - Malaysia</u>	Aquaculture – animal health	2011-6116
<u>NO- Norway</u>	Fishery products ¹⁾	2011-6264
<u>NZ - New Zealand</u>	Milk/milk based products	2011-6127
<u>PE - Peru</u>	Contaminants (mycotoxins)	2011-6030
	Live bivalve molluscs	2011-8890
	Pesticides	2011-6061
<u>RU - Russia</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8905
<u>RS - Serbia</u>	General follow-up – enlargement	2011-6248
<u>SZ - Swaziland</u>	Animal welfare at the time of slaughter	2011-6108
<u>TH - Thailand</u>	Veterinary medicines and residues (live animals and animal products)	2011-8914
	Fishery products, live bivalve molluscs	2011-8897
<u>TN - Tunisia</u>	Fishery products, live bivalve molluscs	2011-8886
<u>UA - Ukraine</u>	Feed safety (feed additives and premixtures)	2011-6142
<u>US - United States</u>	Fresh meat, meat products, animal casings, gelatine	2011-6129
	Live horses and equine semen – animal health	2011-6113
	Pesticides	2011-6059
<u>VE- Venezuela</u>	Fishery products	2011-6148

¹⁾ EFTA country, participation in an ESA audit (EFTA Surveillance Authority)

