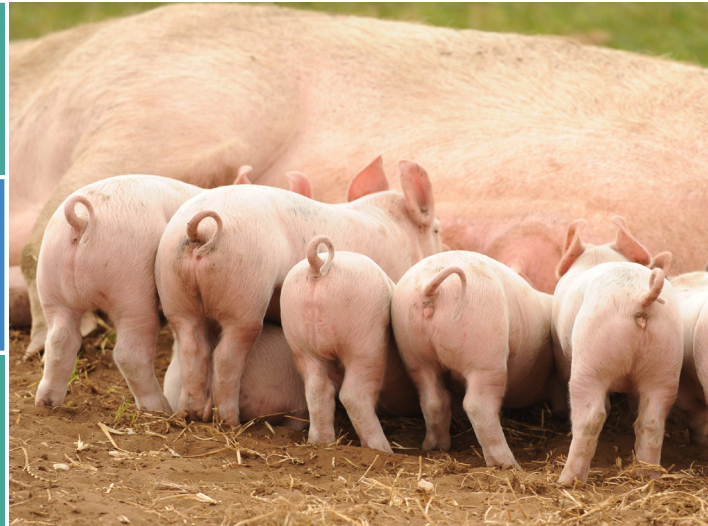
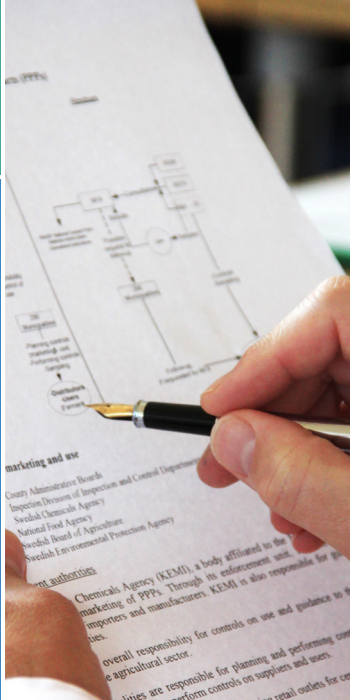




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1. Introduction

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 2017 at the beginning of the year on the 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
 - o human health
 - o animal health and zoonoses
 - o animal welfare
 - o plant health
 - o food safety
 - o food quality
 - o genetically modified organisms
 - o feed safety, animal by-products and TSEs
 - o import controls and import/export support systems
 - o 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 2016 – 2019 and
- a report on the execution of the audit programme 2015.

This present document updates the detailed work programme for the second half of 2017, taking account of changes that have become necessary as

the year progressed. These were mainly due to new emerging priorities (such as, for example, animal disease or plant pest outbreaks or the contamination of eggs and egg products with fipronil), which led to modifications of the programme including the 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 2017

This update is based on DG SANTE's Programme of Health and Food Audits and Analysis for 2017:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/hfaa_inspect_prog_audit_en_2017.pdf

It focusses on audit activities only.

2.1. Main updates to the annual work programme

The updated programme for the second half of 2017 contains a number of changes to the original programme.

These concern

- the start of a new project of **"One Health" country visits** which is included in the Commission's European One Health Action Plan against antimicrobial resistance (**AMR**). These visits are organised on invitation by Member States jointly by the Commission and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), to support the implementation of national action plans against AMR;
- the addition of a small project on the **welfare of farmed rabbits** in the EU and the economic framework of the sector, following a request from the European Parliament;
- a new series of 8 fact-finding missions on biosecurity measures at the Union borders to prevent the introduction of **African Swine Fever** from certain EU neighbouring countries;
- a short series of four fact-finding missions following the contamination of **eggs and poultry** meat with fipronil;
- the addition of two audits to **Brazil** (one in the first and one in the second semester) following the investigations by Brazilian police, in spring 2017, on illegal activities in the meat sector;
- other **emerging priorities**, such as, for example an audit following a plant pest outbreak,
- finally, additions to the programme from the **reserve list** to replace programmed audits that had to be postponed or cancelled.

To accommodate these new activities, a number of programmed audits had to be postponed. Other postponements or cancellations became necessary because of

- lack of preparedness of competent authorities (action plans from previous audits not yet fully implemented or replies to pre-audit questionnaires not yet received by the Commission);
- security concerns;
- organisational reasons.

2.2. Overview of the audit programme for July to December 2017

Work programme priorities

As said above, the audit programme for the second half of 2017 builds on the detailed audit and analysis programme for 2017 published at the beginning of the year.

Work on all projects outlined in the detailed programme 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

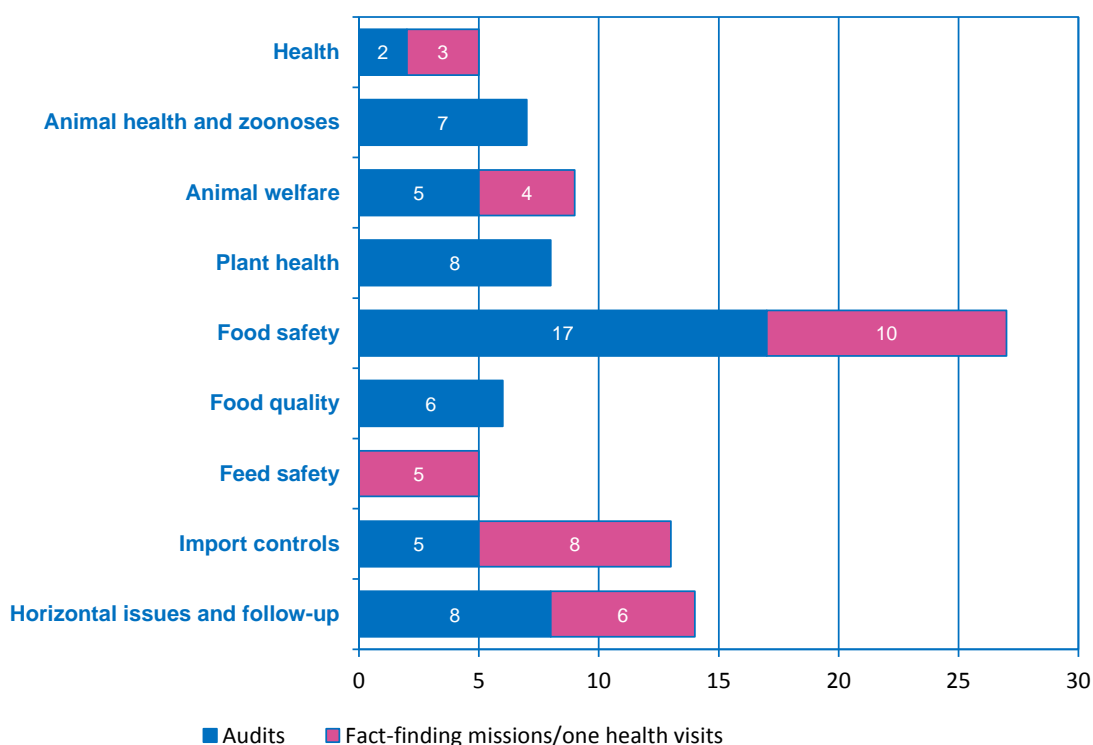
Number of audits and missions

In the second half of 2017, 102 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments are programmed. Of those, 75 will be in the EU Member States and 27 in non-EU countries, including countries negotiating to join the EU.

Audits make up the majority of the programme (58); in addition, 34 fact-finding missions and two country visits (in the area of AMR) will be carried out as well as 8 joint assessments, together with Member States' designating authorities in the medical devices area.

Chart 1 provides an overview of audits, missions and visits, by main area (N.B. without the 8 medical devices assessments).

Chart 1: Audits, fact-finding missions and visits in the second half of 2017, by main area



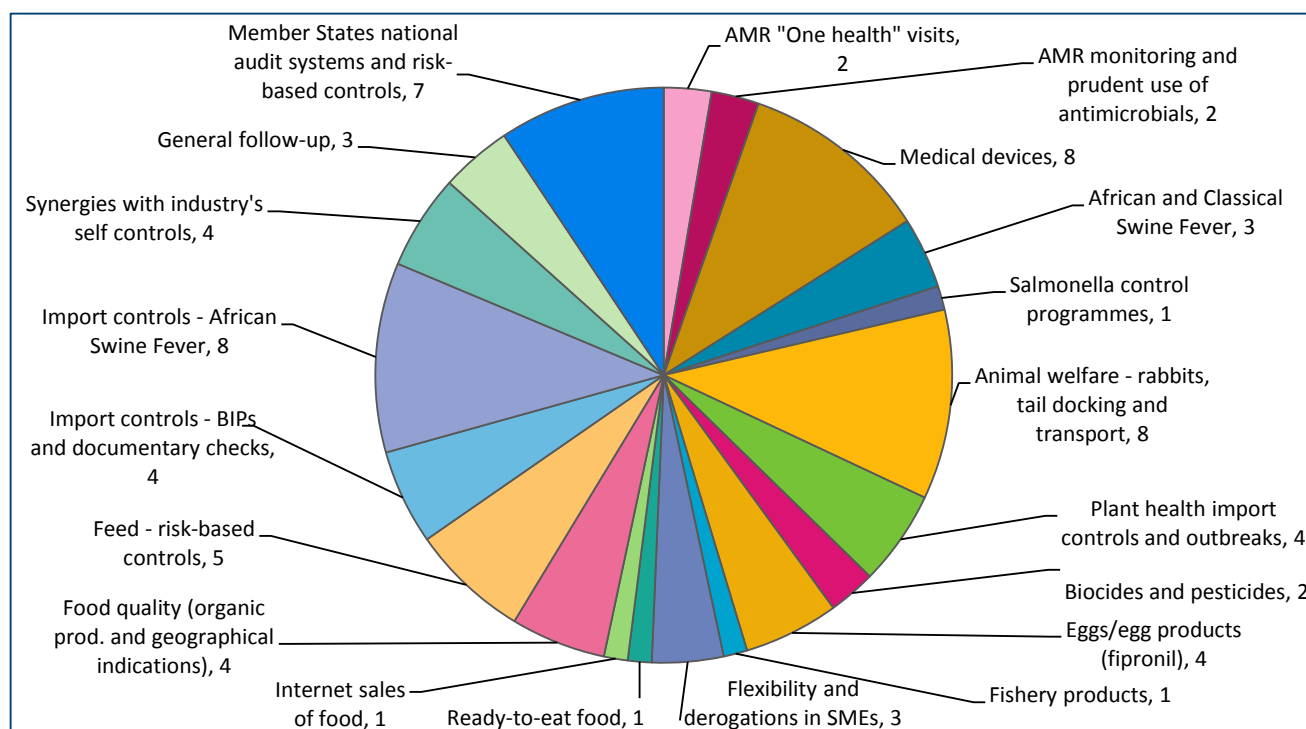
2.3. Audits in Member States

DG Health and Food Safety plans 75 audits, fact-finding missions and assessments in Member States in the second half of 2017. An overview of these is provided in chart 2. Annex 1 lists all audits, missions and assessments by country.

While the majority of projects in Member States outlined in the detailed work programme for 2017 will continue into 2018, the following projects will conclude in 2017 and their results will be summarised in overview reports and/or followed up by workshops with Member States:

- Flexibility and derogations for SMEs
- Internet sales of food
- Synergies of official controls with industry's self controls
- Flexibility and derogations for SMEs
- Traceability and labelling of fishery products in Member States
- Authorisation of plant protection products
- Marketing and use of plant protection products
- Sustainable use of pesticides (first series of fact-finding missions)
- Risk-based targeting of controls in the feed sector
- Risk-based planning of official controls on food safety

Chart 2: Audits, fact-finding missions and assessments in Member States in the second half of 2017



2.4. Audits in non-EU countries

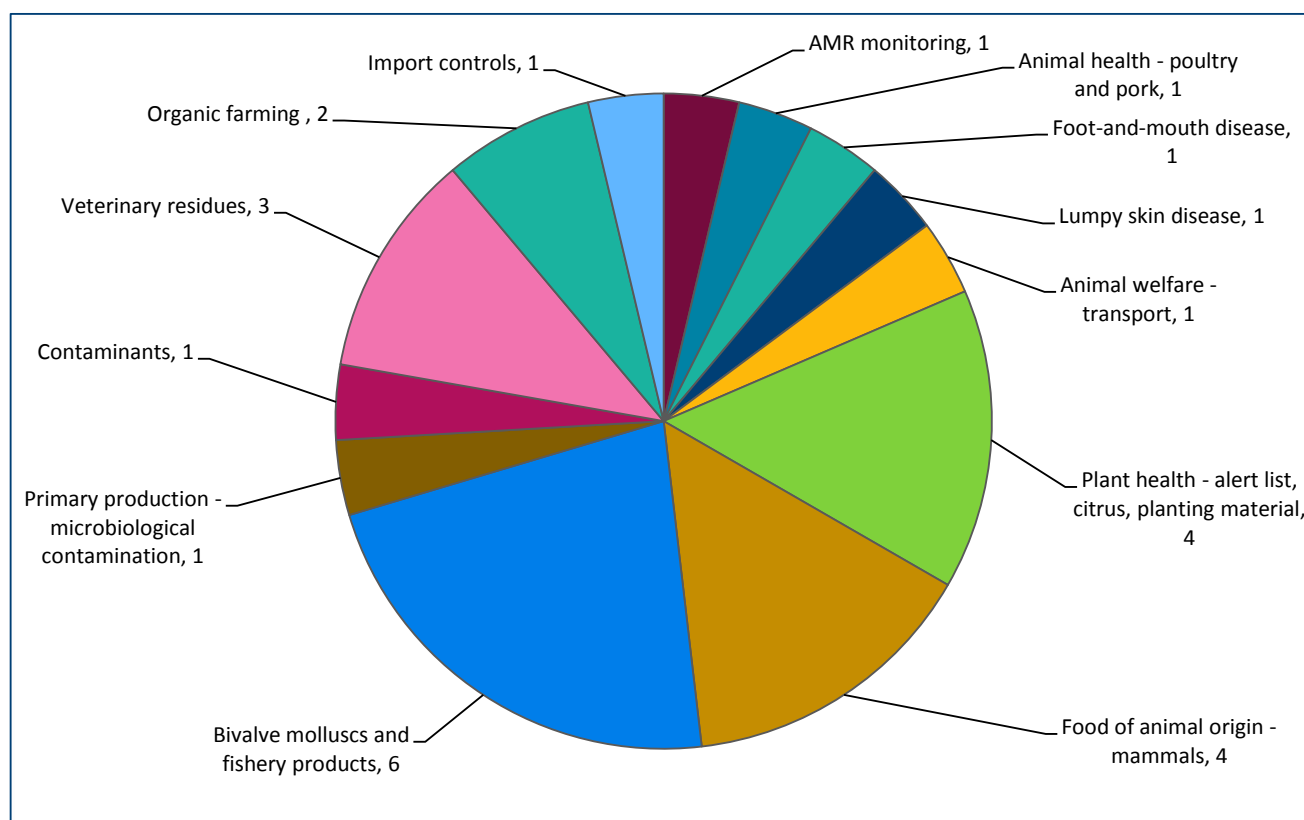
In non-EU countries, including candidate countries, the Commission verifies that competent authorities correctly apply relevant EU standards or their equivalent with respect to animals, plants and products intended for export to the European Union.

In the second half of 2017, it will carry out 27 audits and fact-finding missions in non-EU countries as shown in chart 3.

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 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.

Chart 3: Audits and fact-finding missions in non-EU countries in the second half of 2017



Annex 1. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2017, by country in alphabetical order

MEMBER STATE	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Belgique/België (Belgium)	Synergies with self-controls	fact-finding	2017-6064
	Organic farming	audit	2017-6073
	AMR – "One Health" country visit	mission	2017-6293
	Animal welfare – rabbits	fact-finding	2017-6292
	Eggs and egg products	fact-finding	2017-6298
България (Bulgaria)	Import controls - documentary checks	audit	2017-6044
	Classical Swine Fever	audit	2017-6113
	Salmonella control programmes – poultry	audit	2017-6180
Česká republika (Czech Republic)	Animal welfare - transport	audit	2017-6217
	Member States - risk-based controls	fact-finding	2017-6034
Danmark (Denmark)	Animal welfare - tail docking of pigs	audit	2017-6123
	Feed - risk-based controls	fact-finding	2017-6051
	General follow-up	follow-up	2017-6038
	Import controls – border inspection posts	audit	2017-6296
Deutschland (Germany)	Synergies with self-controls	fact-finding	2017-6072
	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG)	audit	2017-6077
	Feed – risk-based controls	fact-finding	2017-6046
	Eggs and egg products	fact-finding	2017-6299
Eesti (Estonia)	Import controls – African Swine Fever	fact-finding	2017-6288
Éire/Ireland	-	-	-
Ελλάδα (Greece)	General follow-up	follow-up	2017-6055
España (Spain)	Flexibility and derogations in SMEs	fact-finding	2017-6104
	Animal welfare - tail docking of pigs	audit	2017-6126
	Fishery products - tuna	audit	2017-6301
	Member States - risk-based controls	fact-finding	2017-6036
France	Flexibility and derogations in SMEs	fact-finding	2017-6105
	Animal welfare - transport	audit	2017-6108
	Animal welfare - rabbits	fact-finding	2017-6264
	Eggs and egg products	fact-finding	2017-6300
Hrvatska (Croatia)	Pesticides	audit	2017-6016
	National audit systems	audit	2017-6021
Italia (Italy)	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>)	audit	2017-6157
	Animal welfare – tail docking of pigs	audit	2017-6257

MEMBER STATE	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Κύπρος (Kypros)/Kıbrıs (Cyprus)	General follow-up	follow-up	2017-6037
Latvija (Latvia)	National audit systems Import controls – African Swine Fever	audit fact-finding	2017-6024 2017-6286
Lietuva (Lithuania)	African Swine Fever Import controls – African Swine Fever AMR monitoring	audit fact-finding audit	2017-6116 2017-6282 2017-6197
Luxembourg	-	-	-
Magyarország (Hungary)	Flexibility and derogations in SMEs African Swine Fever Import controls – African Swine Fever Biocides	fact-finding audit fact-finding fact-finding	2017-6103 2017-6115 2017-6284 2017-6014
Malta	Import controls - border inspection posts AMR – "One Health" country visit	audit mission	2017-6049 2017-6248
Nederland (Netherlands)	Synergies with self-controls Feed - risk-based controls Animal welfare – rabbits Eggs and egg products Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> in Rosa)	fact-finding fact-finding fact-finding fact-finding audit	2017-6071 2017-6052 2017-6294 2017-6297 2017-6215
Österreich (Austria)	Plant health - import controls Feed - risk-based controls	audit fact-finding	2017-6140 2017-6053
Polska (Poland)	Import controls - documentary checks Import controls – African Swine Fever	audit fact-finding	2017-6050 2017-6289
Portugal	Plant health - import controls National audit systems	audit audit	2017-6146 2017-6027
România (Romania)	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG) National audit systems Import controls – African Swine Fever	audit audit fact-finding	2017-6078 2017-6028 2017-6285
Slovenija (Slovenia)	Organic farming	audit	2017-6074
Slovensko (Slovakia)	Import controls – African Swine Fever	fact-finding	2017-6283
Suomi/Finland	Ready-to-eat food Import controls – African Swine Fever	fact-finding fact-finding	2017-6101 2017-6287

MEMBER STATE	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Sverige (Sweden)	Internet sales of food	fact-finding	2017-6098
	Feed - risk-based controls	fact-finding	2017-6135
	AMR - prudent use of antimicrobials	fact-finding	2017-6201
	National audit systems	audit	2017-6029
United Kingdom	Synergies with self-controls	fact-finding	2017-6069

In addition, 8 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 2017.

Annex 2. Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2017, by country in alphabetical order

Audits in countries negotiating to join the EU will be targeted at exports of products in 2017.

CANDIDATE COUNTRY	THEME	TYPE OF VISIT	REFERENCE NUMBER
Crna Gora/Црна Гора (Montenegro)	Food of animal origin – milk and milk products	audit	2017-6281
Shqipëria (Albania)	Animal health – Lumpy skin disease	audit	2017-6302
Türkiye (Turkey)	Animal welfare - transport	fact-finding	2017-6110

Annex 3. Audits in non-EU Countries¹ in the second half of 2017, by country in alphabetical order

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
BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Poultry meat and related products	audit	2017-6225
BR – Brazil	Fishery products	audit	2017-6278
	Plant health - citrus	audit	2017-6176
CH – Switzerland	Import controls - border inspection posts	audit	2017-6047
	AMR monitoring	audit	2017-6193
GH – Ghana	Plant health – alert list	audit	2017-6262
IN - India	Fishery products	audit	2017-6161
	Microbiological contamination - primary production	audit	2017-6274
JP – Japan	Animal health – poultry, pork, milk	audit	2017-6129
	Food of animal origin	audit	2017-6226
KE – Kenya	Plant health – planting material	audit	2017-6174
MA – Morocco	Fishery products	audit	2017-6168
	Poultry meat	audit	2017-6227
	Residues in food of animal origin	audit	2017-6190
PE – Peru	Bivalve molluscs	audit	2017-6156
PG – Papua New Guinea	Fishery products	audit	2017-6266
SB – Solomon Islands	Fishery products	audit	2017-6267
RU – Russian Federation	Residues in food of animal origin	audit	2017-6290
TZ – Tanzania, United Rep. of	Plant health – planting material	audit	2017-6175
US – United States	Contaminants	audit	2017-6080
VN – Viet Nam	Residues in food of animal origin	audit	2017-6185
ZA – South Africa	Foot-and-mouth disease	audit	2017-6127

N.B. In addition, two audits are planned of recognised control bodies operating in non-EU countries in the area of organic farming.
Some audits will be combined into one visit.

¹ including EEA countries