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1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit and inspection programme of DG Health and Consumers for the second half of 2008. 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 Consumers website:

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

2. Number and distribution of audits and inspections

As shown in table 1, a total of 108 audits and inspections are planned for the second half of the 2008 programme. This figure includes a number of specific audits which supplement the general audits performed in 2008 in Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Slovakia and Spain in accordance with the Official Feed and Food Controls Regulation¹.

As usual, audits and inspections in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (68%). 12% of audits and inspections will be carried out in the animal health area, an equal number of audits and inspections (6%) will deal with animal welfare and plant health while 8% of all missions will be general reviews. Following the “farm to fork” approach, a large number of food safety inspections also cover animal health and welfare elements.

Table 1: Breakdown of audits and inspections 2008 - second half, by main areas:

AREA	No. of audits and inspections	%
Food safety	73	68
Animal health	13	12
Animal welfare	6	6
Plant health	7	6
General review	9	8
Total	108	100

¹ Regulation (EC) No. 882/2204 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules.

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of audits and inspections in the second half of this year. 60% of the audits and inspections will take place in the European Union. In EFTA countries, 2 inspections are planned, while 4% of inspections will take place in candidate countries, and 34% in other third countries.

Table 2: Geographical breakdown of audits and inspections 2008 -second half, by region:

COUNTRY	No. of audits and inspections	%
EU-27	65	60
EFTA countries	2	2
Candidate countries	4	4
Other third countries	37	34
Total	108	100

3. Audits and inspections in Member States

Table 3 gives an overview on inspections planned in Member States in the second half of 2008. As stated above, the table lists also the specific audits supplementing the general audits in 6 Member States.

Table 3: Specific audits and inspections July to December 2008 in Member States

AREA/SECTOR	COUNTRY/REGION	
Control System for Animal Health	Disease Contingency plans	Greece, Spain
	Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Eradication Control Programmes	Poland, Spain
	Classical Swine Fever Eradication Control Programme	Germany, Hungary Romania
	Intra-community trade in live animals	Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
	Intra-community trade in bovine semen and embryos	Ireland

AREA/SECTOR	COUNTRY/REGION	
Control System for Food of Animal Origin	Salmonella control programmes / Table Eggs	Italy
	Babyfood	Germany*, Spain* *combined with Hygiene Package
	Hygiene Package	Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany*, Lithuania, Poland, Romania Slovakia, Spain* *combined with Baby Food
	Poultry Meat / Poultry Meat Products	France, Hungary, Slovakia
	Trade in Meat Products	Romania
	Fishery Products	Ireland
Control System for Import of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import / transit controls / Border Inspection Posts (BIPs)	Belgium, Poland, Spain, UK
Control system for Feeding stuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed safety	Hungary, Slovenia
Control System for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies / Animal By-Products	Organic Fertilizers	Poland, Portugal
	Scrapie	Greece
	Animal By-Products	Romania, UK
Control System for Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	Bulgaria*, Germany, Hungary, Romania* * provisional
Control System for Foodstuffs and Food Hygiene	Food Contact Materials and Use of Food Additives	Germany
	Food Hygiene / Traceability / Labelling	Romania, Spain
	Foodstuffs / Food Hygiene (incl. Import Controls/Pesticides)	Slovakia
Control System for Imports of Food of Plant Origin	Import Controls (Food and Feed)	Romania
Control System for Plant Protection Products	Pesticides	Germany, Hungary
Control System for Animal Welfare	Transport and slaughter Farms, transport and slaughter	Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Slovakia

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Control System for Plant Health	Measures relating to Outbreaks of pinewood nematode (<i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>) in Portugal	Portugal, Spain
	Import Controls / Plant Passports / Protected Zone for fireblight (<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>)	Estonia

GENERAL REVIEWS	
General review missions	Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden

A list of specific audits and inspections, categorised by Member State in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 1.

4. Inspections in EFTA Countries

2 inspections are planned in EFTA countries for the second half of 2008: Iceland (fishery products) will be a joint mission between the EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) and the FVO; Switzerland (import controls) will be done in the framework of the agreements between the European Union and Switzerland.

Table 4: Inspections July to December 2008 in EFTA Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Fish / Fishery products	Iceland
	Import controls on products of animal origin and live animals	Switzerland

5. Inspections in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans

The Food and Veterinary Office continues to evaluate the progress candidate countries are making in their preparations for accession. The second half of 2008 will see inspections to Croatia and Turkey as well as a general assessment mission, with a view to establishing a country profile, to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Table 5: SANCO Inspection Programme July to December 2008 in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Control Systems for Food of Animal Origin (and Animal Health)	General review Animal and Public Health	Turkey
	Fish / Fishery products	Turkey
Feedingstuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed hygiene	Croatia
Control System for Animal Welfare	Farm – Transport – Slaughter	Croatia
GENERAL REVIEW MISSIONS "ENLARGEMENT" (Candidate countries and/or Western Balkan countries)		
General review missions		Bosnia and Herzegovina

A list of audits and inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in Annex 3.

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 7: SANCO Inspection Programme July to December 2008 in Third Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin (incl. Animal Health aspects where applicable)	Pre-listing evaluation	Japan, Mexico
	Live pigs	USA
	Poultry / Poultry Meat / Poultry Meat Products / Eggs	Israel
	Red Meat / Meat Products	South Africa
	Fish / Fishery Products / Live Bivalve Molluscs (incl. aquaculture where appropriate)	Bangladesh*, Barbados, China, Faroe Islands, Ghana, India, Israel, Malaysia, New Zealand, Rep. Korea, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, USA (2) *incl. residues controls
Feeding Stuffs and Animal Nutrition	Feed Additives and Pre-Mixtures	India
TSEs and Animal By-products	Gelatine	India
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues (live animals/animal products)	Russia, Ecuador, South Africa
Food of Plant Origin / Foodstuffs and Food Hygiene	Contaminants (mycotoxins)	Egypt, Turkey (<i>export-related inspection</i>)
	Contaminants (additives, illegal dyes) and Food Contact Materials	China
	Contaminants (adulteration of sunflower oil)	Ukraine
	Genetically modified Feed and Food	China
Plant Protection Products	Pesticides	Brazil*, Costa Rica* * <i>provisional</i>
Plant Health	General monitoring	India, Israel, Japan (bonsai exports), Thailand

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

Annex 1: Audits and Inspections in Member States, by Country in alphabetical order

MEMBER STATE	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	General review	2008-7710
	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products (<i>provisionally planned</i>)	2008-8013
<u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u>	General review	2008-7712
	Import/transit controls and border inspection posts	2008-7759
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7938
<u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u>	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7939
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7942
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	Classical swine fever eradication control programme	2008-7797
	Food additives and food contact materials	2008-7841
	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	2008-7775
	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter	2008-7980
	Pesticides	2008-7852
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat, milk and babyfood	2008-7818
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter	2008-7765
	Import controls for plant health; plant passport system and the situation of erwinia amylovora (Burr) and its protected zone	2008-7898
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	General review	2008-7704
	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies in sheep and goats	2008-7735
	Disease contingency plans	2008-7788

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>España (Spain)</u>	Disease contingency plans for epizootic diseases, in particular foot and mouth disease and classical swine fever, activities for bluetongue	2008-7787
	Import/transit controls and border inspection posts	2008-7752
	Food hygiene, traceability, labelling and bottled water	2008-7856
	Bovine brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication programmes	2008-7792
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat, milk and babyfood	2008-7816
	Monitoring of pinewood nematode	2008-8007
<u>France</u>	Poultry meat	2008-7827
<u>Ireland</u>	Fishery products	2008-7641
	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter	2008-7768
	Intra-community trade in semen and embryos (domestic animals of the bovine species)	2008-7802
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Control of salmonella risk/table eggs	2008-7627
<u>Κύπρος (Kypros)/Κίβρις (Cyprus)</u>	General review	2008-7708
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	-	
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7940
	Intra-community trade in live animals	2008-7806
<u>Luxembourg</u>	-	
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2008-7720
	Classical Swine Fever eradication control programme	2008-7798
	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	2008-7774
	Pesticides	2008-7849
	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	2008-8009

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Malta</u>	-	
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	-	
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	-	
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	Import/transit controls and border inspection posts	2008-7760
	Disease eradication control programme	2008-7794
	Feed ban controls; organic fertilisers	2008-7987
	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter and killing	2008-7693
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7810
<u>Portugal</u>	Feed ban controls; organic fertilisers	2008-7986
	Heat treatment system for coniferous	2008-8008
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Official controls in relation to trade of meat products	2008-7997
	Animal by-products (ABP)	2008-7737
	Import controls on food and feed of non-animal origin	2008-7920
	General review	2008-7709
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7820
	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products (<i>provisionally planned</i>)	2008-8003
	Food hygiene, traceability and labelling	2008-7833
	Classical Swine Fever eradication control programme	2008-7799
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	General review	2008-7706
	Intra-community trade in live animals	2008-7804
	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2008-7998

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Foodstuffs/food hygiene (incl. import controls, pesticides)	2008-7861
	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	2008-7635
	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter	2008-7769
	Official controls related to the safety of food of animal origin, in particular meat and milk	2008-7815
	Disease contingency plans; intra-community trade in live animals	2008-7786
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	General review	2008-7966
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	General review	2008-7705
	Intra-community trade in live animals	2008-7805
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Import/transit controls and border inspection posts	2008-7761
	Certain animal-by products	2008-7742

Annex 2: Inspections in EFTA Countries, by Country in alphabetical order

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Iceland</u>	Fishery products	2008-7666
<u>Switzerland</u>	Import/transit controls and border inspection posts	2008-7758

Annex 3: Inspections in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans, by Country in alphabetical order

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u>	Animal welfare on farms, during transport and at the time of slaughter and killing	2008-7694
	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2008-7992
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	General review of animal and public health pre accession	2008-7878
	Fishery, aquaculture products and live bivalve molluscs	2008-7644
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>	General assessment	2008-7718

Annex 4: Inspections in Third Countries, by Country in alphabetical order

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Bangladesh</u>	Fishery and aquaculture products (including residues controls)	2008-7655
<u>Barbados</u>	Fishery products	2008-7654
<u>Brazil</u>	Pesticides (<i>provisionally planned</i>)	1)
<u>China</u>	Additives and colorants; food contact materials	2008-7860
	Fishery and aquaculture products	2008-7665
	Genetically modified food, feed and seed	2008-7834
<u>Costa Rica</u>	Pesticides (<i>provisionally planned</i>)	1)

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Ecuador</u>	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	2008-7771
<u>Egypt</u>	Mycotoxin contamination in peanuts	2008-7853
<u>Faroe Islands</u>	Fishery products	2008-7658
<u>Ghana</u>	Fishery products	2008-7659
<u>India</u>	Fishery and aquaculture products	2008-7660
	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene in additives and premixtures	2008-7725
	Official controls on raw materials used for the production of gelatines	2008-7734
	Official controls and the certification of plants for export to the European Union	2008-7993
<u>Israel</u>	Live poultry, poultry meat and poultry meat products	2008-7648
	Fishery products	2008-7661
	Official controls and the certification of plants for export to the European Union	2008-7872
<u>Japan</u>	Animal health/public health/certification of red meat and casings – pre-listing evaluation	1)
	Official controls and the certification of bonsai type plants for export to the European Union	2008-7874
<u>Korea, Republic of</u>	Wild and farmed fishery products and bivalve molluscs	2008-7663
<u>Malaysia</u>	Fishery products, live fish, their eggs and gametes (animal and public health)	2008-8002
<u>Mexico</u>	Public health / Certification procedures over production of horse meat	2008-7979
<u>New Zealand</u>	Fishery and aquaculture products	2008-7671
<u>Russian Federation</u>	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	2008-7778
<u>South Africa</u>	Animal health/public health, red meat	2008-7892
	Fishery products and abalone	2008-7677
	Residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products	2008-7932

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Taiwan, Province of China</u>	Fishery and aquaculture products	2008-7674
<u>Thailand</u>	Official controls and the certification of plants for export to the European Union	2008-7875
	Wild and farmed fishery products and bivalve molluscs	2008-7650
<u>Turkey</u>	Mycotoxin contamination in hazelnuts, pistachios and dried fruit	2008-7858
<u>Ukraine</u>	Presence of mineral oil in sunflower oil	2008-8005
<u>United States</u>	Live bivalve molluscs	2008-7978
	Request for approval to export live pigs to the EU	2008-8001
	Fishery products	2008-7675

1) to be confirmed
