



Food and Veterinary Office Programme of Audits and Inspections July to December 2010



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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 2010. It provides for an update on the 2010 plan published earlier this year, taking account of the delivery to date and of modifications that had to be made to that plan.

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 performance of certain inspections will depend on the timely availability of the required resource and expertise.

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 and Inspections

As shown in table 1, a total of 116 audits and inspections are planned for the second half of 2010. This figure includes the specific audits which supplement the general audits planned in 10 Member States in 2010 (see Chapter 3. [Audits and Inspections in Member States](#)).

Table 1. Breakdown of Audits and Inspections in the second half of 2010, by Main Area:

AREA	No. of Audits and Inspections	%
Food Safety	77	66
Animal Health	13	11
Animal Welfare	7	6
Plant Health	9	8
General Follow-Up	10	9
Total	116	100

Audits and inspections in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (66%). However, in line with the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety inspections naturally also cover animal health and/or welfare elements. 11 and 6% of inspections, respectively, will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 8% of inspections are targeted at phytosanitary controls. General follow-up missions make up 9% of the planned audits and inspections.

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of audits and inspections in the second half of 2010.

Table 2. Geographical Breakdown of Audits and Inspections in the second half of 2010:

COUNTRY	No. of Audits and Inspections	%
EU-27	60	52
EFTA countries	5	4
Candidate countries	6	5
Other third countries	45	39
Total	116	100

52% of the audits and inspections will take place in the European Union. In EFTA countries, 4% of inspections are planned, while 5% of inspections will take place in candidate countries, and 39% in other third countries. Taking into account the 12 audits and inspections dealing 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. Audits and Inspections in Member States

As outlined above, the FVO will carry out 10 general audits in the framework of the Official Feed and Food Controls Regulation¹ in 2010, namely in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Romania and Sweden. Thus, 2010 will conclude a first cycle of general audits to all 27 Member States, supplemented by specific audits across all main control systems.

In the remaining 17 Member States, inspections will mainly focus on follow-up to issues identified in previous audits and inspections.

Table 3 gives an overview on all inspections and specific audits planned in Member States:

Table 3. Audits and Inspections in the second half of 2010 in Member States:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Traceability of Fresh Bovine Meat and Bovine Products from Holding to Trade	Poland, Ireland
	Hygiene Package (Meat/Milk)	Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Romania
	Poultry Meat/Poultry Meat Products	Poland, Italy, Denmark
	Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Broilers, Turkeys)	Spain
	Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Broilers)	Romania

¹ Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules.

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
	Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Turkeys)	Portugal
	Fishery Products	Italy, Sweden
Import Control of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import Controls (BIP – Border Inspection Post - Based Controls)	Czech Republic, France, Greece, Sweden
	Import Controls (Non-BIP Based Controls)	Spain
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Food Hygiene – Natural Mineral Waters – Allergens Labelling	Italy, Poland
	Import Control of Food of Non – Animal Origin	France, Italy, Bulgaria, United Kingdom
	Pesticide Controls	Poland, France
	Food Contact Materials	Italy
	Food Additives, Flavourings, Food Enzymes	Italy
Feed Safety	Feed Safety	Bulgaria, Romania
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE's)/Animal By-Products (ABP)	Animal By-Products	Malta, Sweden, Slovakia, United Kingdom
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	Romania
Animal Health	Rabies Eradication Programme	Romania, Bulgaria
	Tuberculosis Eradication Programme	Italy, Ireland
	Aquaculture	United Kingdom, Italy, Poland
	Intra-Union Trade in Cattle	Romania
	Classical Swine Fever (CSF)	Bulgaria, Hungary
Animal Welfare	Farms and Transport	Sweden
	Farms	Austria, Denmark
	Transport and Slaughter	Greece
	Slaughter	Spain
	Transport	Spain, Netherlands

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION	
Plant Health	Outbreaks	<i>Anoplophora Glabripennis</i>	France
		<i>Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid (PsTVd)</i>	France
		<i>Rynchophorus Ferrugineus</i>	France, Portugal, Spain
		<i>Bursaphelenchus Xylophilus (Pine Wood Nematode)</i>	Spain

GENERAL FOLLOW-UP	COUNTRY/REGION
General Follow-Up	Germany, Portugal, Greece, Belgium, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland

(Some of the subjects in table 3 are combined into one mission, as shown in [Annex 1](#) which lists all specific audits and inspections categorised by Member State in alphabetical order.)

4. Inspections in EFTA Countries

Inspections in EFTA countries will be carried out in the framework of the agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA agreement) and agreements between the European Union and Switzerland. The inspection to Norway will be a joint mission between the EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) and the FVO. Iceland, following its application for EU membership, is a potential candidate for accession to the EU. Therefore, one inspection to Iceland is planned in the context of enlargement.

Table 4. Inspections in the second half of 2010 in EFTA Countries:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Fresh Meat/Milk/Products	Iceland
	Upgrading of Food-Processing Establishments and Review of Related Control Systems (Meat/Milk)	Iceland ²
Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import Controls	Switzerland, Norway
Feed Safety	Feed Safety (Requirements for Feed Additives & Premixtures)	Switzerland

² Pre-accession inspection

5. Inspections in Candidate Countries

The Food and Veterinary Office continues to evaluate the progress candidate countries are making in their preparations for accession. The second half of 2010 will see inspections to Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on a wide scale of food safety and animal health issues. The FVO will also carry out a general follow-up mission to Croatia to update its country profile and to review the progress on follow-up to FVO recommendations.

Table 5. Inspections in the second half of 2010 in Candidate Countries:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Poultry Meat (Upgrading of Establishments)	Croatia
Import Control of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	Import Controls	Croatia
Feed Safety	Feed Safety	Croatia
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Live animals and animal products	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Animal Health	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)	Turkey
GENERAL FOLLOW-UP MISSIONS "ENLARGEMENT" (Candidate countries)		COUNTRY/REGION
General Follow-Up Mission		Croatia

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 verify 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. Inspections in the second half of 2010 in Third Countries:

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Food of Animal Origin	Fresh Meat/Fresh Meat Products	Canada, Mexico, Serbia, Russian Federation
	Milk/Milk-Based Products	Argentina, Australia, Ukraine
	Poultry Meat Products	China
	Poultry Meat, Poultry Meat Products	Russian Federation
	Fishery Products, Live Bivalve Molluscs (LBM)	Albania, Algeria
	Fishery Products	Nigeria ³ , Cape Verde ³ , Argentina, Canada, Mauritania ³ , Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Pakistan
	Pre-Listing for Fishery Products	Georgia
Food of Non – Animal Origin	Pesticide Residues	Dominican Republic
	Mycotoxins	China, Islamic Republic of Iran, India, United States
	Genetically Modified Feed and Food	China, Canada
Feed Safety	Requirements for Feed Additives & Premixtures	India
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues	Ukraine, Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, United States, Montenegro
Animal Health	Poultry	Argentina, Russian Federation, Ukraine
Plant Health	Fruit, Vegetables and Plants for Planting	Thailand
	Citrus	China
	Fruit and Vegetables	Dominican Republic
	Produce and Plants for Planting	Zimbabwe

A list of inspections, categorised by country in alphabetical order, is shown in [Annex 4](#)

³ Countries from the West Africa Region (of relevance in respect of IUU activities)

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

(Member States with general audits in 2010 highlighted in grey).

MEMBER STATE	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8369
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	Classical Swine Fever Rabies Eradication Programme Feed Safety Hygiene Package (Meat/Milk) Import Controls of Food of Non Animal Origin	2010-8398 2010-8404 2010-8478 2010-8513 2010-8592
<u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u>	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin (BIP Based Controls)	2010-8553
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	Animal Welfare on Farms and during Transport Poultry Meat/Poultry Meat Products	2010-8392 2010-8455
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8366
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	-	-
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	Tuberculosis Eradication Programme Traceability of Fresh Bovine Meat and Bovine Products from Holding to Trade	2010-8408 2010-8508
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review Animal Welfare during Transport and at the Time of Slaughter Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin (BIP Based Controls)	2010-8368 2010-8394 2010-8555
<u>España (Spain)</u>	Animal Welfare at the Time of Slaughter Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Broilers, Turkeys) Import Controls of Animals and Food of animal Origin (Non-BIP and BIP Based Controls) Plant Pest Outbreaks (Pine Wood Nematode, <i>Rhynchophorus Ferrugineus</i>) Animal Welfare during Transport	2010-8393 2010-8482 2010-8563 2010-8610 2010-8799
<u>France</u>	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin (BIP Based Controls) Import Controls of Food of Non Animal Origin; Pesticides Plant Pest Outbreaks (<i>Anoplophora Glabripennis</i> , PsTVd, <i>Rhynchophorus Ferrugineus</i>)	2010-8554 2010-8596 2010-8605
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Tuberculosis Eradication Programme Aquaculture – Animal Health Poultry Meat/Poultry Meat Products Fishery Products Import Controls of Food of Non Animal Origin Food Hygiene, Natural Mineral Waters, Allergens Labelling; Food Additives, Flavourings, Food Enzymes; Food Contact Materials	2010-8407 2010-8410 2010-8453 2010-8525 2010-8586 2010-8591
<u>Κύπρος (Kypros)/Kıbrıs (Cyprus)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8372

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8373
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8374
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Hygiene Package (Meat/Milk)	2010-8507
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	Classical Swine Fever	2010-8416
<u>Malta</u>	Animal By-Products	2010-8473
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	Animal Welfare during Transport	2010-8400
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	Animal Welfare on Farms	2010-8399
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	Aquaculture Animal Health	2010-8411
	Poultry Meat/Poultry Meat Products	2010-8452
	Traceability of Fresh Bovine Meat and Bovine Products from Holding to Trade	2010-8497
	Food Hygiene, Natural Mineral Waters, Allergen Labelling Pesticides	2010-8571 2010-8593
<u>Portugal</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8367
	Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Turkeys)	2010-8467
	Plant Pest Outbreak (<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>)	2010-8798
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Rabies eradication programme, intra-Union Trade in Cattle	2010-8405
	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8441
	Salmonella Control Programmes (Breeders, Laying Hens, Broilers)	2010-8460
	Feed Safety Hygiene Package (Meat/Milk)	2010-8479 2010-8512
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	-	-
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Animal by-Products	2010-8807
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8375
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	Animal Welfare on Farms and during Transport	2010-8391
	Animal By-Products	2010-8477
	Fishery Products	2010-8529
	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin (BIP Based Controls)	2010-8623
<u>United Kingdom</u>	General Follow-Up – Post General Audit Review	2010-8371
	Aquaculture – Animal Health	2010-8409
	Animal By- Products	2010-8802
	Import Controls of Food of Non Animal Origin	2010-8819

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

<u>EFTA COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Iceland</u>	Fresh Meat/Milk/Products	2010-8511
	Upgrading of Food-Processing Establishments and Review of Related Control Systems (Meat/Milk)	2010-8514
<u>Norway</u>	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	2010-8566
<u>Switzerland</u>	Feed Safety (Feed Additives and Premixtures)	2010-8471
	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	2010-8565

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

<u>CANDIDATE COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Hrvatska / Croatia</u>	General Follow-Up – Enlargement	2010-8376
	Feed Safety	2010-8474
	Upgrading of Poultry Meat Establishments	2010-8483
	Import Controls of Animals and Food of Animal Origin	2010-8564
<u>Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8765
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	Foot-and-Mouth Disease Controls	2010-8428

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

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Albania</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8446
	Fishery Products, Live Bivalve Molluscs	2010-8572
<u>Algeria</u>	Fishery Products, Live Bivalve Molluscs	2010-8535
<u>Argentina</u>	Poultry - Animal Health	2010-8421
	Milk/Milk Based Products	2010-8518
	Fishery Products	2010-8537
<u>Australia</u>	Milk/Milk Based Products	2010-8495
<u>Belarus</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8449
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8447

THIRD COUNTRY	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Canada</u>	Fresh Meat/Fresh Meat Products	2010-8522
	Fishery Products	2010-8539
	Genetically Modified Feed and Food	2010-8788
<u>Cape Verde</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8534
<u>China</u>	Poultry Meat Products	2010-8486
	Mycotoxins	2010-8589
	Genetically Modified Feed and Food	2010-8599
	Citrus – Plant Health	2010-8612
<u>Dominican Republic</u>	Pesticide Residues	2010-8588
	Fruit and Vegetables (Plant Health)	2010-8702
<u>Eritrea</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8547
<u>Fiji</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8732
<u>Gabon</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8758
<u>Georgia</u>	Fishery Products (Pre-Listing Evaluation)	2010-8541
<u>Ghana</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8818
<u>India</u>	Feed Safety (Feed Additives and Premixtures)	2010-8396
	Mycotoxins	2010-8597
<u>Iran, Islamic Republic of</u>	Mycotoxins	2010-8594
<u>Israel</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8433
<u>Kazakhstan</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8797
<u>Mauritania</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8544
<u>Mexico</u>	Fresh Meat/Fresh Meat Products	2010-8524
<u>Montenegro</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8767
<u>Nigeria</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8531
<u>Pakistan</u>	Fishery Products	2010-8720
<u>Russian Federation</u>	Poultry - Animal Health	2010-8422
	Fresh Meat/Fresh Meat Products	2010-8488
	Poultry Meat/Poultry Meat Products	2010-8550
<u>Serbia</u>	Fresh Meat/Fresh Meat Products	2010-8509
<u>Thailand</u>	Fruit, Vegetables and Plants for Planting (Plant Health)	2010-8613
<u>Ukraine</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8451
	Milk/Milk Based Products	2010-8520
	Poultry - Animal Health	2010-8808
<u>United States</u>	Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Live Animals and Animal Products)	2010-8444
	Mycotoxins	2010-8743
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	Produce and Plants for Planting – Plant Health	2010-8595

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