Ongoing activities against food fraud

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2003
Sudan dyes in imported chilli and chilli products

2008
Sunflower oil from Ukraine contaminated by mineral oil

2008
Melamine in infant milk in China

2010
Fatty acid intended for technical purpose used in animal feeding
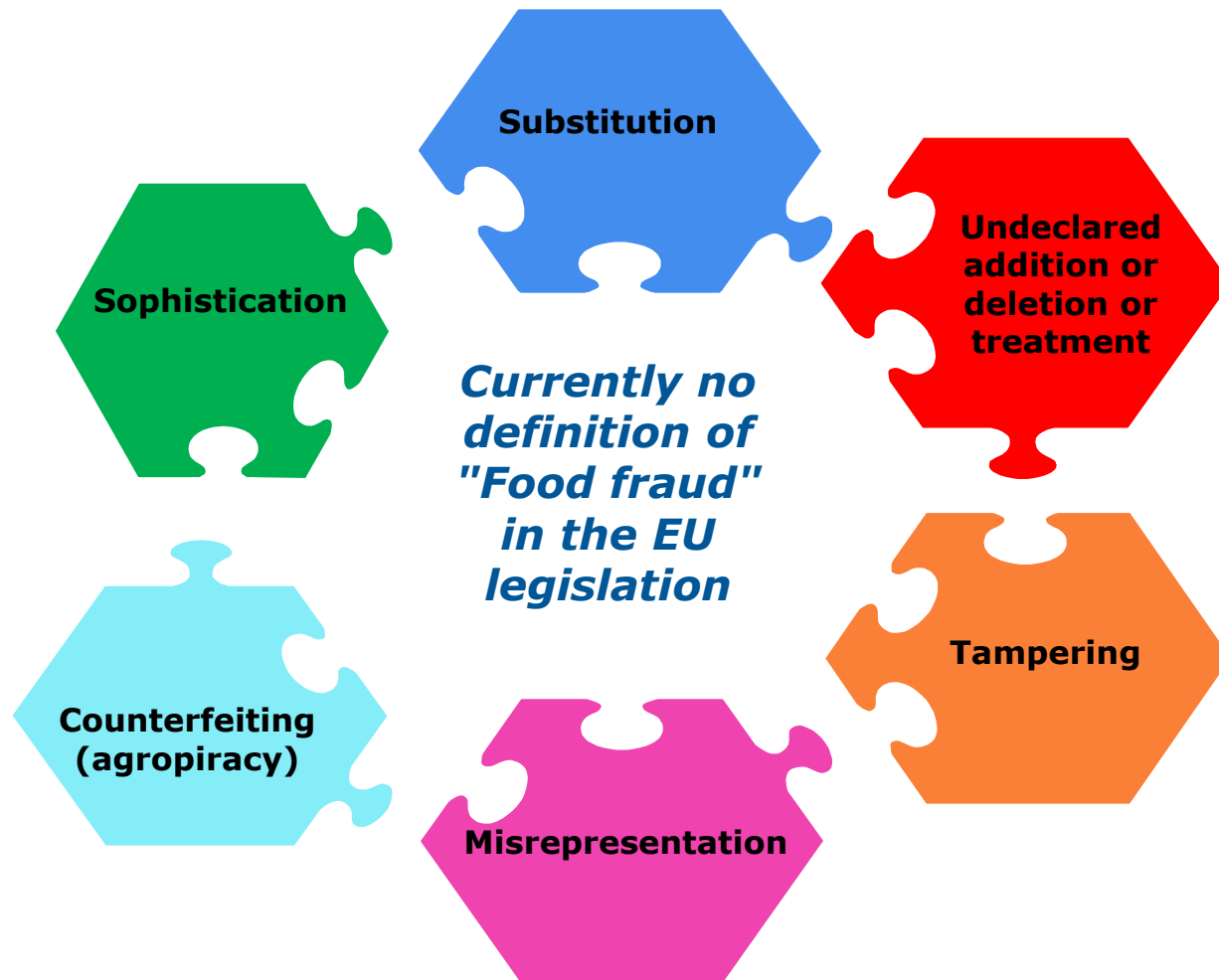
January-February 2013

US Pharmacopeia Convention's Food fraud database

- Milk (380)
- Olive Oil (269)
- Honey (125)
- Saffron (125)
- Fish (77)

- Coffee (62)
- Orange juice (32)
- Apple juice (30)
- Black pepper (22)
- Tea (21)

Substitution

Undeclared addition or deletion or treatment

Sophistication

Currently no definition of "Food fraud" in the EU legislation

Tampering

Counterfeiting (agropiracy)

Misrepresentation

Working definition used by the Food Fraud Network

"Intentional violation of the rules covered by Regulation 882/2004 which are applicable to the production of food and feed, motivated by the prospect of economic or financial gain"

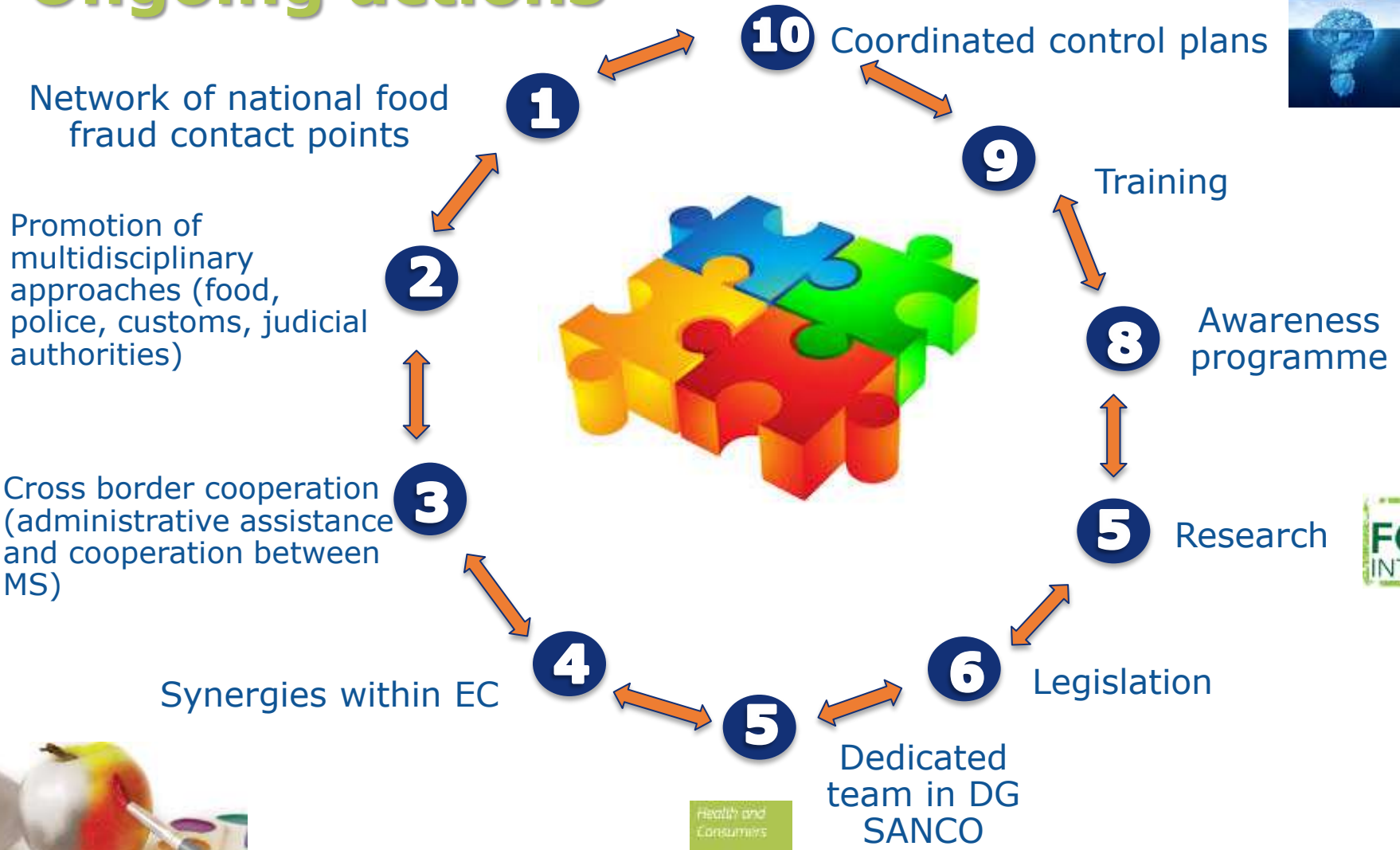# 5-point action plan (March 2013)

- Testing programme for horsemeat

- Horse passport

- Strenghtened fight against food fraud (mapping tools and mechanisms, facilitate exchange of information and cooperation)

- Official controls, implementation and penalties

- Origin labelling

Ongoing actions

Network of national food fraud contact points

Promotion of multidisciplinary approaches (food, police, customs, judicial authorities)

Cross border cooperation (administrative assistance and cooperation between MS)

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(liaison body in the meaning of Art 35 Reg 882/2004)

Aim:

Facilitate administrative assistance and cooperation in the case of suspicion of fraud with a cross-border dimension

Facilitate cooperation between the EC and MS as well as the tasks of coordination of the EC

Scope:

Cross-border dimension
Violation of EU food chain law
Deception with "intention"
Economic or financial gain for the potential fraudster(s)

Advantage: rapid exchange of information

NB: if risk to public health → RASFF notification
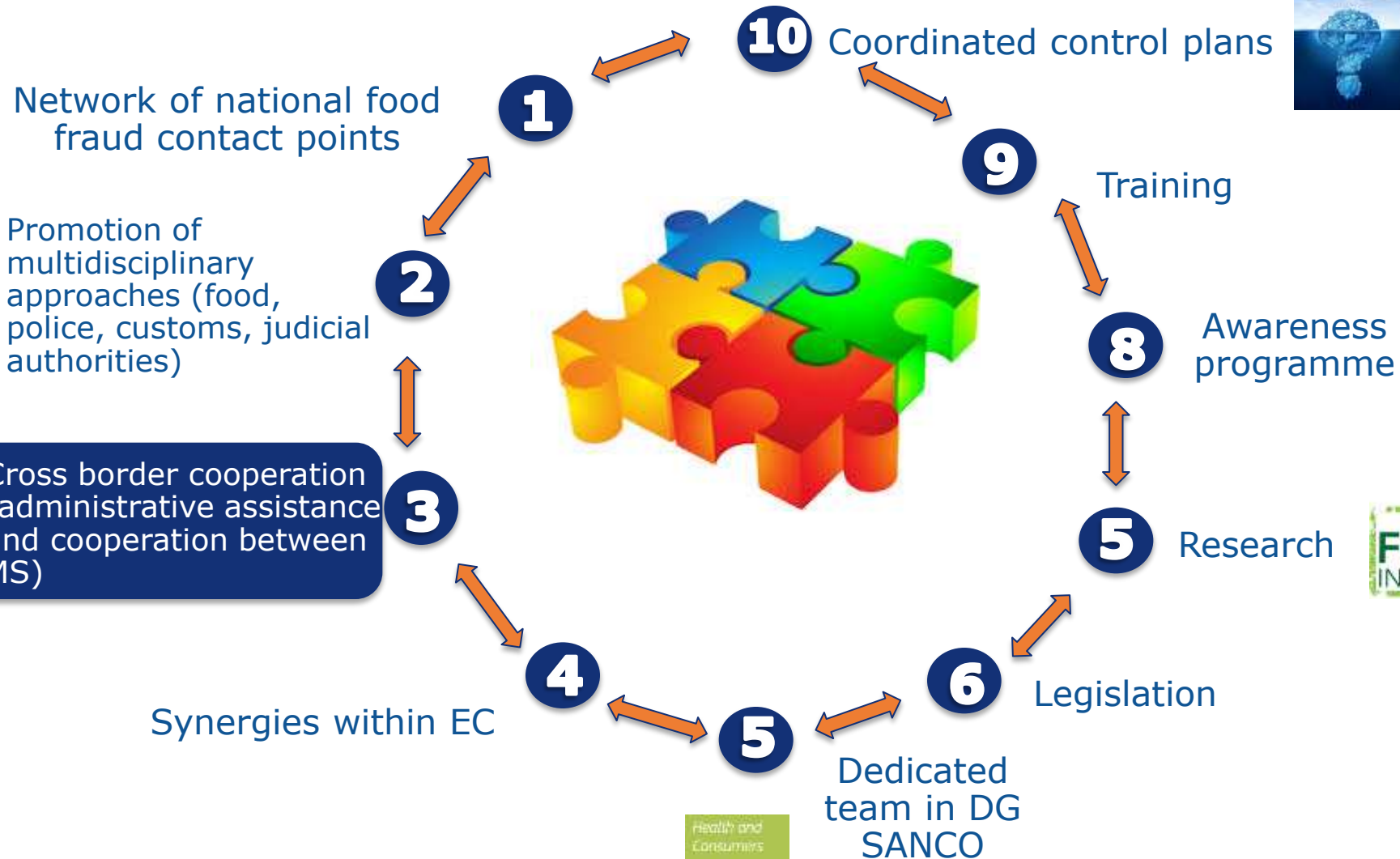
Cross-agencies cooperation at MS level

Police / customs (investigation)

Official controls in the food sector (inspection)

Judicial system (prosecution)

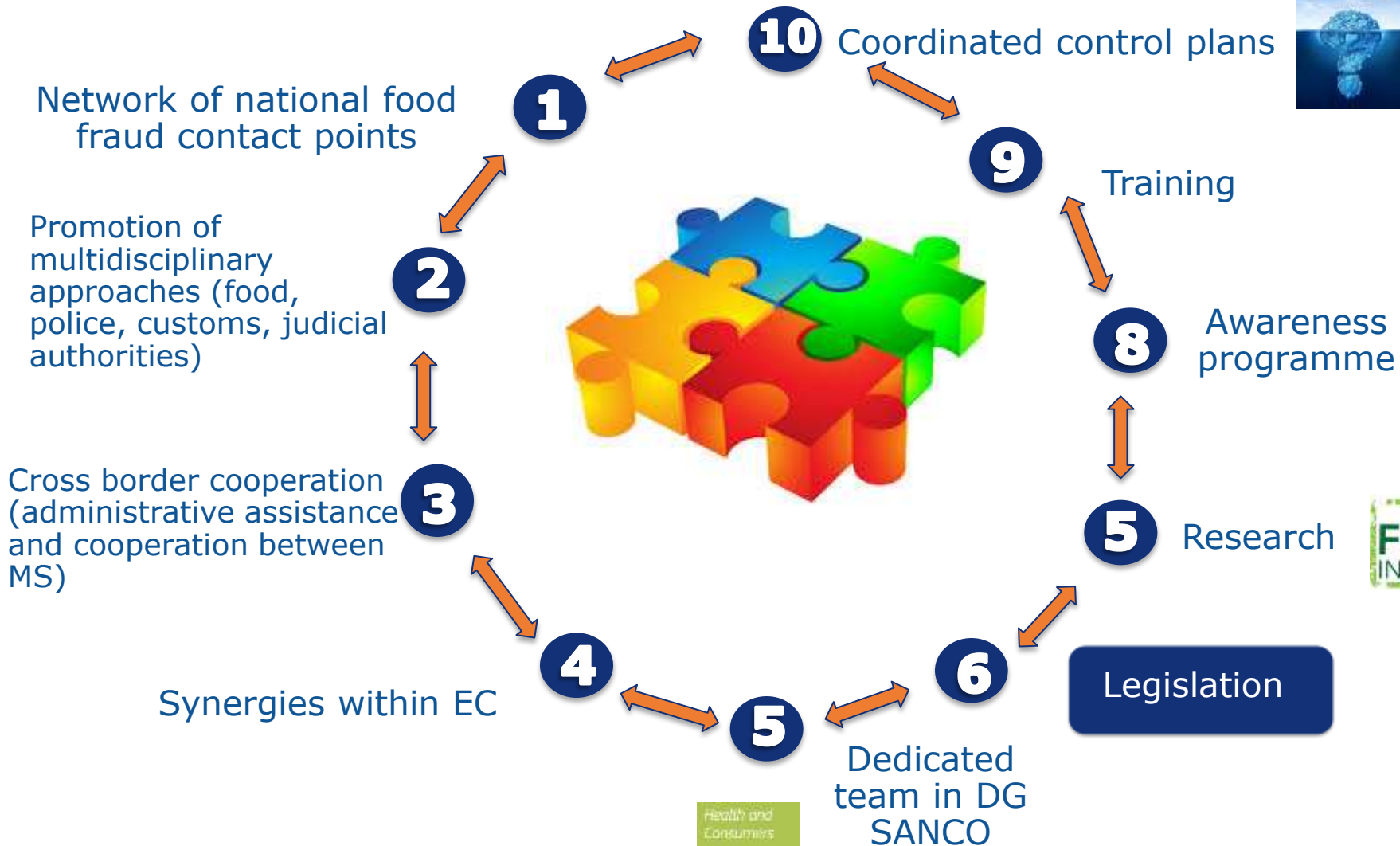# Cross border cooperation - EU networks

Investigation

Europol

Prosecution

Eurojust

Food inspection

Network of national food fraud contact points for AAC

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FOOD INTEGRITY

General food Law (Regulation 178/2002)

Article 8 - Protection of consumers' interests

1. Food law shall aim at the protection of the interests of consumers and shall provide a basis for consumers to make informed choices in relation to the foods they consume. It shall aim at the prevention of:

- (a) fraudulent or deceptive practices;

- (b) the adulteration of food; and

- (c) any other practices which may mislead the consumer.

Official controls (Regulation 882/2004)

Article 1 - Subject matter and scope

1. This Regulation lays down general rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with rules aiming, in particular, at:

(a) preventing, eliminating or reducing to acceptable levels risks to humans and animals, either directly or through the environment; and

(b) **guaranteeing fair practices in feed and food trade and protecting consumer interests, including feed and food labelling and other forms of consumer information.**

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BTSF 2014-2015

Investigation techniques to detect food fraud

  2 courses in 2014 and 3 for 2015

E-commerce of food, i.e. sales of food and food related products over the internet

  3 courses in 2014 and 2 for 2015

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2013

4144 DNA tests by MS

Non conform: **4,66%**

(+ 7999 DNA tests by FBOs

   Non conform: 1,39%)

3133 tests on phenylbutazone by MS

Non conform: 0,51%

2014

2622 DNA tests

Non conform: **0,61%**

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