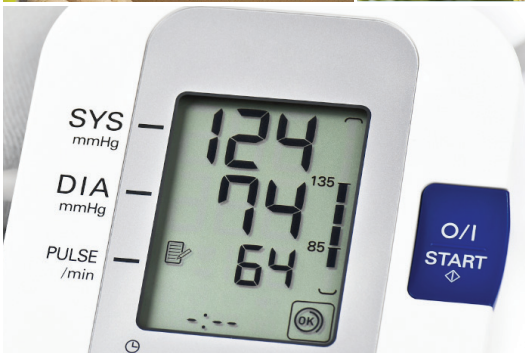
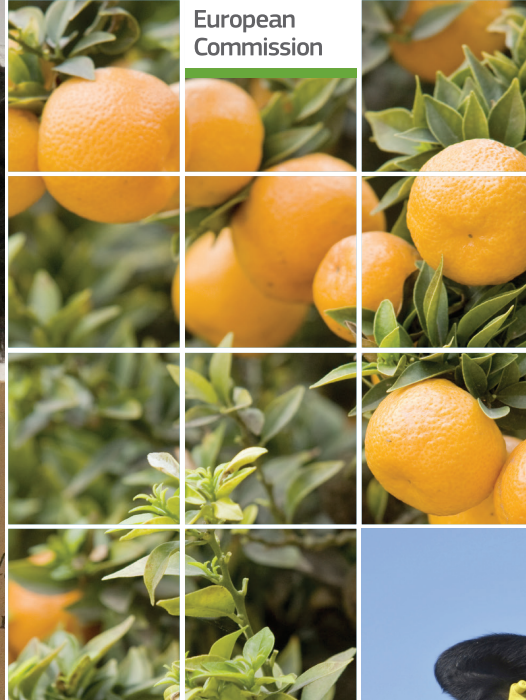




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1. Introduction

This document sets out the planned audit programme of DG Health and Food Safety's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) in the area of food safety and quality, animal health and welfare, and plant health for the second half of 2015. It updates the work programme for 2015 published in December last year, 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 further adjustments of the programme as the year progresses. Audits in response to emergencies can only be made by cancelling or postponing others.

The programme is published on the website of DG Health and Food Safety:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food_veterinary_office/audit_programmes/index_en.htm

The audit reports and overview reports of the Food and Veterinary Office are available under the following links:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/audit_reports/index.cfm

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/overview_reports/index.cfm

The FVO website also provides an overview of the many other activities the Office carries out in addition to its audits.

2. Number and Distribution of Audits in the second half of 2015

As shown in table 1, a total of 97 audits are planned for the second half of 2015.

Table 1. Breakdown of audits in the second half of 2015 by main area

Area	No. of Audits	%
Food Safety	61	63%
Food Quality	10	10%
Animal Health	6	6%
Animal Welfare	5	5%
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	2	2%
Plant Health	8	8%
General Follow-Up	5	5%
Total	97	100%

As usual, audits in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (63%). A large number of food safety audits naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements. In addition, 13% of audits will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas, and a further 8% of audits are targeted at phytosanitary controls.

10% of controls will be in the area of food quality (organic farming and geographical indicators¹). General follow-up audits make up another 5% of the planned programme.

Table 2 provides an overview of the geographical breakdown of those audits:

Table 2. Geographical breakdown of audits in the second half of 2015

Country	No. of Audits	%
EU-28	69	71%
Candidate countries	4	4%
Other third countries	24	25%
Total	97	100%

In the second half of 2015, 71% of the audits will take place in the European Union and 29% in candidate countries and other third countries.

Taking into account that about 10% of the audits in the EU deal with Member States' import control systems, overall, controls of third countries' exports of feed, food, plants and animals in the second half of 2015 amount to 36% of the programme.

3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2015

The FVO has identified a number of cross-cutting priorities which it will address horizontally, i.e. from various angles and across several sectors. Aquaculture, for example, will be assessed covering public health, animal health, feed, labelling and traceability aspects.

Cross-cutting priorities and horizontal themes will usually be analysed through desk studies first in order to gain a thorough overview of the topic, identify potentially problematic areas and prioritise audits. Subsequent audit series will be targeted, organised and carried out within a short period to ensure the comparability and prompt delivery of the results. The results of these projects will be summarized in overview reports which will also form the basis for meetings with Member States experts in the framework of the Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) programme, to discuss common problems identified and exchange best practice.

An overview of all audits planned in Member States in the second half of 2015 is provided in Table 3:

¹ Protected Denominations of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indications (PGI), Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSG)

Table 3. Audits in Member States in the second half of 2015

CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES		COUNTRY
Aquaculture		Italy, Poland
Post-slaughter traceability of meat and meat products		Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece
Organic farming and certification, labelling and marketing of organic products		Bulgaria, Lithuania, Sweden
Geographical indicators (PDO, PGI, TSG)		Finland, France
Food improvement agents package: food additives		Austria, Netherlands, Poland
Anti-microbial resistance (AMR) monitoring		Denmark, Germany
High pressure processing (pascalisation)		Ireland, Romania (<i>fact-finding</i>)
National audit systems		Netherlands, Spain (<i>fact-finding</i>)
GENERAL FOLLOW-UP		COUNTRY
General follow-up (audits)		Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Latvia
General follow-up (desk-based)		France, Luxembourg, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia
FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin - Mammals	Slaughter hygiene (bovine and ovine) – study visits	Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
	Milk and milk products	Spain
Food of Animal Origin - Birds	<i>Campylobacter</i> (fact-finding)	United Kingdom
	<i>Salmonella</i> control programmes - poultry	Germany, Poland
Food of Animal Origin - Fish	Traceability and labelling of fishery products	United Kingdom
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues in food of animal origin	Portugal
FOOD OF PLANT ORIGIN		COUNTRY
Pesticides	Marketing and use of plant protection products	Croatia, Greece, Netherlands

Primary production	Microbiological contamination		Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom
Food quality	Pesticide residue testing in organic farming		Finland, Germany
FEED AND ANIMAL NUTRITION			COUNTRY
Feed Safety	Feed importers (fact-finding)		Germany, Lithuania
	Private schemes and official controls on feed (fact-finding)		Belgium
ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE			COUNTRY
Animal Health	EU funded eradication programmes	Rabies	Greece
		Sheep and goat brucellosis	Greece
	Approved zoos and laboratories		Netherlands
	Traceability of ruminants and pigs		Latvia, Sweden
Animal Health/Animal Welfare	Prevention of animal diseases – contingency planning		Italy, Hungary
Animal Welfare	Animal welfare strategy: training		Denmark, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania, Sweden
PLANT HEALTH			COUNTRY
Plant Health	Plant pest outbreaks	<i>Pomacea</i>	Spain
		<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	Italy
IMPORT CONTROLS			COUNTRY
Import Controls	Live animals and products of animal origin	Import control system	Hungary
		"REC" - Re-Enforced Checks Regime	Germany, Spain, Portugal, Romania
		"TRANSIT" - Transiting goods for ship supply /customs warehousing	Germany
	Plant health		Italy

Some of the above audits will be combined into one mission as shown in the alphabetical list of audits in Member States ([Annex 1](#)).

4. Audits in Candidate Countries in the second half of 2015

As shown in table 4, the FVO plans four audits in candidate countries in the second half of 2015: a general plant health assessment in Serbia and three audits targeted at exports of products from Turkey.

The FVO will also review the progress Serbia is making with the follow-up to recommendations of previous FVO audits.

Table 4. Audits in candidate countries in the second half of 2015

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin - Mammals	Residues in food of animal origin <i>- export-related</i>	Turkey
Food of Animal Origin - Birds	Eggs and egg products <i>- export-related</i>	Turkey
Food of Animal Origin – Fish	Bivalve molluscs <i>- export-related</i>	Turkey
Plant Health	General assessment	Serbia
General Enlargement Assessment	General follow-up (<i>desk-based</i>)	Serbia

5. Audits in Third Countries in the second half of 2015

In third countries, the FVO 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.

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 major conditions for the completion of the audit programme. Therefore, a number of third country audits can only be programmed provisionally.

Table 5. Audits in third countries in the second half of 2015

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY
Food of Animal Origin – Mammals	Fresh meat (beef)	Paraguay
	Fresh meat and meat products (equine meat) incl. monitoring of residues and contaminants	Brazil
	Slaughter hygiene (<i>study visit</i>) – in co-operation with the EFTA Surveillance Authority	Norway ²
Animal By-Products	Animal by-products (ABP) and derived products	Peru (<i>combined with residues</i>)
Food of Animal Origin – Birds	Poultry meat	Moldova
Food of Animal Origin - Fish	Fishery products ³	Mauritania, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands
	Bivalve molluscs and derived products	Vietnam
Veterinary Medicines and Residues	Residues in food of animal origin	Australia, Peru (<i>combined with ABP</i>), Uruguay
Animal Health	General animal health	Botswana
Feed Safety	Feed additives and premixtures	India
Food Quality	Organic farming	Canada, Israel and one recognised control body operating in third countries
Genetically Modified Organisms	Genetically modified food and feed	China
Plant Health	Fruit and vegetables	Dominican Republic
	Planting material	China, Costa Rica, Guatemala
	Fruit and vegetables, cut flowers	Uganda

[Annex 3](#) lists all audits categorised by country in alphabetical order.

² This study visit is part of the project carried out in Member States.

³ In addition, the FVO will participate in one audit of the EFTA Surveillance Authority in Iceland.

Annex 1: Audits in Member States in the second half of 2015, by country in alphabetical order

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u>	Microbiological contamination - primary production	2015-7450
	Private certification schemes for feed (<i>study visit</i>)	2015-7622
	General follow-up	2015-7653
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	Organic farming	2015-7357
<u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u>	Post-slaughter traceability	2015-7376
	General follow-up	2015-7656
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	Animal welfare - training programmes	2015-7418
	AMR monitoring	2015-7383
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	Salmonella control programmes - poultry	2015-7507
	Organic farming - pesticide residue testing	2015-7491
	Import controls - re-enforced checks regime (<i>both import control audits combined</i>)	2015-7443
	Import controls – transit	2015-7751
	AMR monitoring	2015-7404
	Feed importers (<i>fact-finding</i>)	2015-7619
	General follow-up	2015-7679
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	Post-slaughter traceability	2015-7379
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	High pressure processing (pascalisation) (<i>fact-finding</i>)	2015-7392
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	Rabies	2015-7625
	Sheep and goat brucellosis	2015-7571
	Plant protection products	2015-7475
	Post-slaughter traceability	2015-7391
	General follow-up	2015-7657
<u>España (Spain)</u>	National audit systems (<i>fact-finding</i>)	2015-7369
	Milk and milk products	2015-7596
	Import controls - re-enforced checks regime	2015-7444
	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Pomacea</i>)	2015-7581
<u>France</u>	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG)	2015-7413
	Post-slaughter traceability	2015-7378
	General follow-up	(<i>desk-based</i>)
<u>Hrvatska (Croatia)</u>	Plant protection products	2015-7480
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Animal health - contingency planning	2015-7569
	Plant health - import controls	2015-7603
	Microbiological contamination - primary production	2015-7455
	Plant pest outbreaks (<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>)	2015-7580
	Aquaculture	2015-7380
	General follow-up	(<i>desk-based</i>)

MEMBER STATE	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Kύπρος (Cyprus)</u>	Post-slaughter traceability	2015-7601
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	Traceability - ruminants and pigs General follow-up	2015-7573 2015-7658
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Organic farming Animal welfare - training programmes Feed importers (<i>fact-finding</i>)	2015-7365 2015-7426 2015-7618
<u>Luxembourg</u>	General follow-up	(<i>desk-based</i>)
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	Animal health - contingency planning Import controls (live animals and animal products) General follow-up	2015-7568 2015-7505 (<i>desk-based</i>)
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	National audit systems (<i>fact-finding</i>) Animal health - approved zoos and laboratories Animal welfare - training programmes Food additives Plant protection products	2015-7368 2015-7564 2015-7417 2015-7398 2015-7483
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	Food additives	2015-7394
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	Salmonella control programmes - poultry Aquaculture Food additives	2015-7508 2015-7381 2015-7399
<u>Portugal</u>	Import controls - re-enforced checks regime Residues in food of animal origin Microbiological contamination - primary production	2015-7442 2015-7509 2015-7461
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Animal welfare - training programmes High pressure processing (pascalisation) (<i>fact-finding</i>) Import controls - re-enforced checks regime General follow-up	2015-7425 2015-7393 2015-7664 (<i>desk-based</i>)
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	Slaughter hygiene (<i>study visit</i>)	2015-7672
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Slaughter hygiene (<i>study visit</i>) General follow-up	2015-7593 (<i>desk-based</i>)
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	Geographical indications (PDO, PGI, TSG) Organic farming - pesticide residue testing	2015-7412 2015-7492
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	Organic farming Microbiological contamination - primary production Animal welfare - training programmes Traceability - ruminants and pigs Slaughter hygiene (<i>study visit</i>)	2015-7360 2015-7459 2015-7422 2015-7572 2015-7592
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Microbiological contamination - primary production Labelling of fishery products <i>Campylobacter</i> in poultry (<i>fact-finding</i>)	2015-7456 2015-7476 2015-7489

Annex 2: Audits in candidate countries in the second half of 2015, by country in alphabetical order

CANDIDATE COUNTRY	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Srbija (Serbia)</u>	Plant health general assessment General follow-up	2015-7648 (desk-based)
<u>Türkiye (Turkey)</u>	Residues in food of animal origin – <i>export-related audit</i> Eggs and egg products – <i>export-related audit</i> Bivalve molluscs – <i>export-related audit</i>	2015-7514 2015-7493 2015-7481

Annex 3: Audits in third countries in the second half of 2015, by country in alphabetical order

THIRD COUNTRY	THEME	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>AU - Australia</u>	Residues in food of animal origin	2015-7528
<u>BR – Brazil</u>	Fresh meat, meat products; residues in food of animal origin	2015-7639
<u>BW – Botswana</u>	Animal health	2015-7561
<u>CA – Canada</u>	Organic farming	2015-7407
<u>CN – China</u>	Plant health - Planting material Genetically modified food and feed	2015-7645 2015-7640
<u>CR – Costa Rica</u>	Plant health - Planting material	2015-7644
<u>DO – Dominican Republic</u>	Plant health - Fruit and vegetables	2015-7636
<u>GT - Guatemala</u>	Plant health - Planting material	2015-7181
<u>IL – Israel</u>	Organic farming	2015-7353
<u>IN - India</u>	Feed additives and premixtures	2015-7620
<u>MD - Moldova, Republic of</u>	Poultry meat	2015-7504
<u>MR - Mauritania</u>	Fishery Products	2015-7463
<u>NO - Norway</u>	Slaughter hygiene (<i>study visit</i>) – in co-operation with the EFTA Surveillance Authority	2015-7180
<u>PE – Peru</u>	Animal by-products Residues in food of animal origin	2015-7614 2015-7529
<u>PG - Papua New Guinea</u>	Fishery products	2015-7524
<u>PY – Paraguay</u>	Fresh meat	2015-7598
<u>SB - Solomon Islands</u>	Fishery Products	2015-7487
<u>UG - Uganda</u>	Plant health – Fruit and vegetables, cut flowers	2015-7637
<u>UY – Uruguay</u>	Residues in food of animal origin	2015-7523
<u>VN – Viet Nam</u>	Bivalve molluscs	2015-7605

N.B. One further audit is planned on recognised control bodies operating in third countries in the area of organic farming (2015-7408). The FVO will also participate in one audit by the EFTA Surveillance Authority in Iceland on fishery products.