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1. INTRODUCTION

This paper sets out the Food and Veterinary Office's (FVO) inspection programme for the second half of 2005. It updates the outline presented in the initial annual programme (DG(SANCO)/660108/2004) and introduces a detailed inspection programme for July to December 2005.

There is always a degree of uncertainty attached to any FVO inspection plan. Of necessity, it must remain flexible to enable it to respond to emergencies and unforeseen circumstances (e.g. suspected irregularities, infringement procedures). 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.

2. BALANCE OF INSPECTIONS ON FOOD SAFETY, ANIMAL HEALTH, ANIMAL WELFARE AND PLANT HEALTH

A total of 118 inspections are planned for the second half of 2005. Inspections in the food safety area make up the majority of the programme. Following the “farm to fork” approach outlined in the White Paper on Food Safety, a large number of food safety inspections also cover animal health and welfare elements.

Table 1: Breakdown of inspections by main areas of responsibility (2nd semester 2005)

Area	Total inspections	%
Food Safety and Animal Health	103	87
Animal Welfare	4	4
Plant Health	11	9
Total	118	100

3. GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE

A breakdown of inspections between Member States and third countries during the second semester of 2005 is given in Table 2.

Table 2: Geographical breakdown of inspections by region – second semester 2005

Country	Inspections	
	No.	%
EU-25	79	67
Candidate Countries	10	8
Other Third Countries	29	25
Total	118	100

4. INSPECTIONS IN MEMBER STATES

As stated, 67% of the planned inspections will be in Member States. An overview of these inspections categorised by product/sector is given in Table 3 below. A full list of inspections categorised by Member State and subject, is shown in Annex 1.

Table 3: Overview of Inspections in Member States – second semester 2005

Area	Mission subject	Member States	No.
Food Safety/ Animal Health	Public Health Controls* (red meat; milk; establishments; where applicable animal ID and certain zoonoses)	CZ, EE, CY, LV, LT, HU, MT, PL, SI, SK	10
	Disease Control* (contingency plans for CSF, FMD, ND, AI ¹⁾ etc.) and Eradication Programmes (brucellosis, tuberculosis, EBL, rabies etc.) * combined mission	CZ, EE, CY, LV, LT, HU, MT, PL, SI, SK, ES, ES ²⁾ , IT	13
	Food Hygiene	CZ	1
	Poultry meat	ES, FR, IE, DE	4
	Fishery Products and Live Bivalve Molluscs	DE	1
	Pesticides	LT, MT, SI, PL	4
	Dioxins in fish/fish meal/fish oil	SE, FI	2
	Scrapie	EL, ES, FR, IT, UK, IE, CY ³⁾	7
	BSE/Animal nutrition	LT, HU, LV, SI, PL	5
	Animal By-Products	EL	1
	GM (genetically modified) Feed and Food	NL, PT, FR	3
	Import Controls for animals and products of animal origin: - Illegal Introduction - Regular BIP controls/Approval of new BIPs	AT, EL, SE, LU AT, EL, SE, CZ, PL, LU	10
	Control systems - general review	IT, ES, DE, PL, EL, FR	6
Animal Health	Semen/embryo collection centres	CZ, IT	2
Animal Welfare	Animal Welfare - (pigs and laying hens) - (farms and transport)	EE LU	2
Plant Health	Application of plant passport requirements	CZ, HU, SI, PL	4
	Potatoes	NL, LT	2
	Outbreaks	SI, CZ	2

1) CSF (Classical Swine Fever), FMD (Foot-and-Mouth Disease), ND (Newcastle Disease), AI (Avian Influenza), EBL (Enzootic Bovine Leucosis)

2) Rabies

3) Inspection covers animal nutrition also

5. INSPECTIONS IN CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

In anticipation of further accession to the EU in 2007 the FVO works steadily to contribute to the readiness of candidate countries. The second semester of 2005 will see a continuation of the monitoring missions to Romania and Bulgaria as well as inspections to Croatia and Turkey.

Table 4: Inspections in Candidate Countries – second semester of 2005

COUNTRY	General review	TSEs and Feeding-stuffs	Residues (animals and animal prod.)	Food Hygiene/ Pesticides Contam.	Animal Welfare	Red meat; milk; poultry; fish; animal identification animal health
Bulgaria			X	X	X	
Croatia		X	X			X²⁾
Romania				X	X	X
Turkey	X¹⁾					

1) dependent on the opening of accession negotiations

2) inspection relates to export of live fish and might also cover live bivalve molluscs and fishery products, dependent on receipt of action plan by competent authority.

A full list of inspections in candidate countries categorised by country and subject can be found in Annex 2.

6. INSPECTIONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES

Table 5 below gives an overview of the inspections in third countries. Of the 28 planned inspections, the majority will focus on fish and fishery products and (live) bivalve molluscs (covering public and/or animal health aspects) as well as on milk and meat products. Other inspections deal with residues, pesticides and contaminants as well as plant health.

A full list of inspections categorised by third country and subject is in Annex 3.

Table 5: Inspections in third countries

Reason	Proposed inspections	No.
<u>Third country agreements:</u> – Semen and embryos – Fishery Products, live Fish and live Bivalve Molluscs (public and animal health aspects)	United States Chile	2
<u>European Neighbourhood Policy:</u> – First general assessment	Ukraine	1
<u>(Re-)Assessment of export approvals:</u> – Milk products – Meat products – Pig meat	India ¹⁾ Taiwan ¹⁾ Mexico ¹⁾	1 1 1
– Meat and meat products of mammal origin (public and animal health aspects)	Uruguay, Brazil	2
– Fish/fishery products/live bivalve molluscs²⁾ (public and/or animal health aspects)	Mauritania ³⁾ , Colombia ³⁾ , Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines, Ecuador, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Thailand, Japan	11
<u>Contaminants:</u> – aflatoxins (pistachios) – aflatoxins (peanuts)	Iran India	2
<u>Residues (live animals/animal products)</u>	Mexico, China, Brazil	3
<u>Pesticides</u>	Brazil	1
<u>Food irradiation</u>	Thailand	1
<u>Plant Health:</u> – Derogations – Plant pest outbreak	Lebanon Argentina, Brazil	3

1) inspection dependent on receipt of satisfactory response to pre-mission questionnaire

2) dependent on TC, inspection covers live fish and/or fishery products and/or (live)bivalve molluscs (animal and/or public health aspects, respectively)

3) subject to certain conditions

**ANNEX 1: FVO Inspection Programme July – December 2005:
Member States**

BELGIQUE/BELGIË (BELGIUM)

**ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA (CZECH
REPUBLIC)**

- Approval of new BIPs
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Application of plant passport requirements
- Semen/embryo collection centres
- Food Hygiene
- Plant pest outbreak/arable crops

DANMARK (DENMARK)

DEUTSCHLAND (GERMANY)

- General review
- Poultry meat
- Fishery products and Live bivalve molluscs

EESTI (ESTONIA)

- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification)
- Animal Welfare (pigs and laying hens)

ELLÁDA (GREECE)

- Illegal Introduction;
- Regular BIP controls
- Scrapie
- Animal by-products
- General review

ESPAÑA (SPAIN)

- General review
- Scrapie
- Rabies
- Disease Control and Eradication (Brucellosis eradication programme)
- Poultry meat

FRANCE

- Poultry meat
- Scrapie
- GM Feed and Food
- General review

IRELAND

- Poultry meat
- Scrapie

ITALIA (ITALY)

- General review
- Scrapie
- Semen/embryo collection centres
- Disease Control and Eradication (ASF)

KYPROS/KIBRIS (CYPRUS)

- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Scrapie/Animal Nutrition

LATVIJA (LATVIA)

- BSE; animal nutrition
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)

LIETUVA (LITHUANIA)

- BSE; animal nutrition
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Potatoes
- Pesticides

**ANNEX 1: FVO Inspection Programme July – December 2005:
Member States**

LUXEMBOURG

- Illegal Introduction;
- Regular BIP controls
- Animal welfare (farms and transport)

MAGYARORSZÁG (HUNGARY)

- BSE; animal nutrition
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Application of plant passport requirements

MALTA

- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Pesticides

NEDERLAND (NETHERLANDS)

- GM Feed and Food
- Potatoes

ÖSTERREICH (AUSTRIA)

- Illegal Introduction;
- Regular BIP controls

POLSKA (POLAND)

- Approval of new BIPs
- Pesticides
- BSE; animal nutrition

POLSKA (POLAND) -

(continued:)

- General review
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public - Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- Application of Plant passport requirements

PORTUGAL

- GM Feed and Food

SLOVENIJA (SLOVENIA)

- Pesticides
- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)
- BSE; animal nutrition
- Application of plant passport requirements
- Plant pest outbreaks

SLOVENSKO (SLOVAKIA)

- Disease Control and Eradication (Eradication programmes: Brucellosis, TB, EBL, Rabies etc. / Contingency plans: CSF, FMD, ND, AI etc.);
- Public Health Controls (red meat/milk, establishments, animal identification, zoonoses)

SUOMI/FINLAND

- Contaminants (Dioxins – Baltic region)

SVERIGE (SWEDEN)

- Import Controls: Illegal Imports ;
- Regular BIP controls
- Contaminants (Dioxins – Baltic region)

UNITED KINGDOM

- Scrapie

**ANNEX 2: FVO Inspection Programme July – December 2005:
Candidate Countries**

BULGARIA

- Animal welfare
- Food hygiene/pesticides/contaminants
- Residues (live animals/animal products)

ROMANIA

- Animal welfare
- Food hygiene/pesticides/contaminants
- Red meat, milk, animal identification, animal health, poultry and fish¹⁾

CROATIA

- Residues (live animals/animal products)
- BSE and animal nutrition
- Live fish (Fishery products and bivalve molluscs)¹⁾

TURKEY

- Enlargement – General Food Control systems; general review²⁾

1) inspection relates to export of live fish (and live bivalve molluscs/fishery products) and will be carried out subject to certain conditions

2) dependent on opening of accession negotiations

**ANNEX 3: FVO Inspection Programme July – December 2004:
Third Countries**

VETERINARY AGREEMENT COUNTRIES

USA

- Semen and embryos

CHILE

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES:

ALBANIA

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

IRAN

- Contaminants – (aflatoxins)

ARGENTINA

- Plant pest outbreak

JAPAN

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

BANGLADESH

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

LEBANON

- Derogations (plant health)

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

MAURITANIA

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs²⁾³⁾

BRAZIL

- Residues (live animals/animal products)
- Meat and meat products (public and animal health)
- Pesticides
- Plant pest outbreak

MEXICO

- Residues (live animals/animal products)
- Pig meat¹⁾

CHINA

- Residues (live animals/animal products)

PHILIPPINES

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

COLOMBIA

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs²⁾³⁾

TAIWAN

- Meat products¹⁾

ECUADOR

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

THAILAND

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾
- Food irradiation

INDIA

- Milk products¹⁾
- Contaminants (aflatoxins)

UKRAINE

- 1st assessment mission/General review

INDONESIA

- Fishery products and bivalve molluscs³⁾

URUGUAY

- Meat/meat products (public and animal health)

1) dependent on receipt of satisfactory response to pre-mission questionnaire

2) subject to certain conditions

3) dependent on TC, inspection covers live fish and/or fishery products and/or (live)bivalve molluscs (animal and/or public health aspects, respectively)