

ANNEX 1

Response of the Competent Authorities of The Czech Republic to the recommendations of Mission report ref. DG(SANCO)/2008-7628- MR carried out from 26 May to 04 June 2008 in order to evaluate the systems in place to control the Salmonella risk in the table egg sector

No.	Recommendation	Action proposed by Competent Authority
1	<p>CAs involved in monitoring salmonellosis in humans and Salmonella in poultry should establish an effective and continuous relationship as required in Article 3 of Directive 2003/99/EC.</p>	<p>Cooperation with SVS will be formalized in detail. Mutual meeting is planned where the extent of the performed epidemiological investigation of each supervisory authority will be specified. Due date: till the end of 2008.</p>
2	<p>Taking into consideration the above recommendation, CAs should take in consideration Article 8 of Directive 2003/99/EC when carrying out epidemiological investigations.</p>	<p>A legislative measure will be considered.</p>
3	<p>SVA should review the NSCPs in order for the sampling size applied to be in line with the provisions of point 2.2 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1168/2006.</p>	<p>The NSCP will be reviewed to be in line with the provisions of point 2.2 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1168/2006. Based on this revision in the case of official sampling, 3 samples of 150 grams of naturally pooled faeces shall be taken and shall be separately tested. The revision of the NSCP will be published in the Official Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture as a part of Methodology of Animal Health Control and Ordered Vaccination for year 2009, which enter into force since 1 January 2009.</p>
4	<p>The CA should review the NSCP for breeders to be in line with the requirements of point 2.2.2.1. in particular (a) of Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005.</p>	<p>The NSCP will be reviewed to be in line with the requirements of point 2.2.2.1. in particular (a) of Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005.2.2. In case of the sampling at the holding since 1 January 2009 faeces may be pooled for analysis up to a minimum of two pools and also the boot swabs may be pooled for analysis into a minimum of two pools. The revision of the NSCP will be published in the Official Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture as a part of Methodology of Animal Health Control and Ordered Vaccination for year 2009, which enter into force since 1 January 2009.</p>

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5	<p>The CA should review the sampling size when carrying out confirmatory analyses, in order for the sampling to be in line with the statistical requirements in point 2.2.2.1. of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005 and taking in consideration Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1237/2007.</p>	<p>In order to exclude false-positive initial results from the samples taken by operator, the official veterinarian from the relevant Regional Veterinary Administration shall carry out official sampling for confirmation of the infection.</p> <p>The sampling size when the confirmatory analyses are carried out will be reviewed to be in line with the statistical requirements in point 2.2.2.1. of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005 and taking in consideration Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1237/2007.</p> <p>The confirmation method shall be carried out according to Annex 1, 4 (b)(i) of Commission Regulation No 1237/2007, amending Regulation EC No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision 2006/696/EC, as regards the placing on the market of eggs from Salmonella infected flocks of laying hens.</p> <p>The confirmation method will be based on the technical specifications referred to in Article 5 of Commission Decision 2004/665/EC (seven samples); however, a sub-sample of 25 grams must be collected of each faecal material and dust sample for analysis; all samples must be analysed separately.</p> <p>In the case of presence of invasive salmonella serotypes included in the NSCP, the table eggs coming from infected flocks may be used for human consumption only if treated in a manner that guarantees the destruction of all <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes with public health significance in accordance with Community legislation on food hygiene.</p> <p>The Regional Veterinary Administration may lift the above mentioned restrictions if the flock is not confirmed by the confirmatory analyses.</p> <p>The revision of the NSCP will be published in the Official Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture as a part of Methodology of Animal Health Control and Ordered Vaccination for year 2009, which enter into force since 1 January 2009.</p>

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6	<p>The CA should ensure that deficiencies found regarding hygiene requirements of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Annexes I and II are corrected.</p>	<p>MoH: Within the official inspections it is always required to remove deficiencies according to the requirements of Amendment II Reg. 852/2004 and this is furthermore verified by the form of follow-up checks.</p> <p>SVA CR: In the establishment where deficiencies of hygiene and sanitation had been found, the following measures were adopted: The Regional Veterinary Administration of Moravian-Silesian Region, in compliance with legislation in force, decided to impose the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the ban on shell egg processing for production of non-pasteurized chilled liquid egg 2. the FBO must carry out a sanitation of production premises including technological equipment which is used for egg processing 3. the FBO must ensure a sampling for microbiological laboratory examination from production premises and technological equipment 4. the ban on non-pasteurized liquid egg production will be kept until the negative results of the examination are received. <p>The financial fine for the FBO was also imposed.</p> <p>Check-list of procedures to be carried out by veterinary supervision in egg processing and/or egg packing centres will be drawn up.</p>