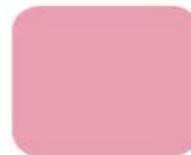




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1. Introduction

This document sets out the audit and inspection programme of DG Health and Consumers for the second half of 2009. It updates the outline presented in the initial annual programme and introduces a detailed inspection programme for July to December.

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 carrying out of certain inspections will depend on the timely availability of resources.

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 110 audits and inspections are planned for the second half of 2009. This figure includes the specific audits which supplement the general audits planned in 9 Member States in 2009 (see Chapter [3. Audits and inspections in Member States](#)).

As usual, audits and inspections in the food safety area make up the main part of the programme (65%). However, in line with the "farm to fork" approach, a large number of food safety inspections naturally also cover animal health and welfare elements. 13 and 5% of inspections, respectively, will specifically focus on controls in the animal health and welfare areas. 9% of inspections are targeted at phytosanitary controls and 8% will be general reviews.

Table 1: Breakdown of audits and inspections July to December 2009 by main areas:

AREA	No. of audits and inspections	%
Food safety	71	65
Animal health	14	13
Animal welfare	6	5
Plant health	10	9
General review	9	8
Total	110	100

Table 2 provides an overview on the geographical breakdown of audits and inspections in the second semester of 2009. Approximately half of the audits and inspections (51%) will take place in the European Union. In EFTA countries, 1 inspection is planned, while 4% of inspections will take place in candidate countries, and 44% in other third countries.

Table 2: Geographical breakdown of audits and inspections (July to December 2009):

COUNTRY	No. of audits and inspections	%
EU-27	56	51
EFTA countries	1	1
Candidate countries	4	4
Other third countries	49	44
Total	110	100

3. Audits and inspections in Member States

As outlined above, the FVO will carry out nine general audits in the framework of the Official Feed and Food Controls Regulation¹ in 2009, namely in Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom.

The general audits will be supplemented by specific audits across all main control systems.

In the remaining 18 Member States, inspections will mainly focus on follow-up to issues identified in previous audits and inspections, and to prepare for the audits in 2010.

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

Table 3: Audits and inspections July to December 2009 in Member States

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

AREA/SECTOR	COUNTRY/REGION	
Control system for animal health	Eradication programmes and contingency plans	Bulgaria, Cyprus, Lithuania, Slovenia
	Tuberculosis and/or Brucellosis eradication control programmes	Cyprus
Control system for food of animal origin	Traceability of fresh bovine meat and bovine products	Belgium, Lithuania
	Babyfood	Belgium, Italy
	Meat/milk hygiene package	Bulgaria, Finland, Malta
	Poultry meat/poultry meat products/Salmonella control programmes (broilers)	Belgium, Portugal, United Kingdom

¹ Regulation (EC) No. 882/2204 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 (table eggs)	Greece	
Control system for import of animals and food of animal origin	Import / transit controls / Border Inspection Posts (BIPs)	Austria, Greece, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom	
Control system for feeding stuffs and animal nutrition	Feed safety	Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands	
Control system for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies/ animal by-products	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)	Cyprus	
	Organic fertilisers and the total feed ban	France	
Control system for foodstuffs and food hygiene	Food contact materials and use of food additives	Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia, United Kingdom	
	Food hygiene/HACCP	Belgium, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia	
Control system for imports of food of plant origin	Import controls (food and feed)	Belgium	
Control system for plant protection products	Pesticides	Belgium, Greece	
Control system for animal welfare	Farms, transport, slaughter	Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom	
Control system for plant health	Import controls	Finland, Portugal	
	Protected zones (Erwinia amylovora)	Italy, Slovakia	
	General follow-up	United Kingdom	
	Outbreaks	Gibberella circinata, Toxoptera citricida	Portugal
		Anoplophora	Italy
		Rhynchophorus ferrugineus	Greece
GENERAL REVIEWS			
General review missions	Pre general audit preparation	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Malta	
	Post general audit review	Austria, Estonia, Hungary, Spain	

4. Inspections in EFTA Countries

The inspection to Switzerland will be done in the framework of agreements between the European Union and Switzerland.

Table 4: Inspections 2009 (second half) in EFTA Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY /REGION
Food of animal origin	Meat/milk	Switzerland

5. Inspections in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans

The Food and Veterinary Office continues to evaluate the progress candidate countries are making in their preparations for accession. The second half of 2009 will see inspections to Croatia and Turkey. The FVO will also carry out general reviews to prepare country profiles for Turkey as well as for Albania, a Western Balkan country, and thus, potential candidate.

Table 5: SANCO Inspection Programme July to December 2009 in Candidate Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION
Control system for animal health	Poultry animal health	Turkey
Control system for food of animal origin	Milk export sector	Croatia
Control system for foodstuffs and food hygiene	Food hygiene, pesticides, food contact materials	Croatia
GENERAL REVIEW MISSIONS "ENLARGEMENT" (Candidate countries and/or Western Balkan countries)		
General review missions		Albania, Turkey

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 ensure 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: SANCO Inspection Programme July to December 2009 in Third Countries

AREA/SECTOR		COUNTRY/REGION	
Animal health	Live equidae	Azerbaijan, Colombia, Libya	
	Live bovines	Brazil	
	Aquaculture	Singapore, Thailand	
	Poultry/poultry products	Canada	
	Poultry meat	Russian Federation	
	Pig meat	Brazil	
Food of animal origin	Pre-listing evaluation	Milk/milk-based products	Ukraine
		Red meat/red meat products	Ukraine
		Poultry meat / poultry meat products	Russian Federation
	Poultry meat	Argentina	
	Poultry meat products	Chile	
	Casings	China, Pakistan	
	Milk/milk-based products	Israel	
	Red meat/meat products	Chile, China	
	Fishery products	Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Israel, Libya, Mauritius, Myanmar, Sierra Leone	
	Live bivalve molluscs	Canada, China	
	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	Peru, Uruguay	
Veterinary medicines and residues	Residues	Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Serbia, Vietnam	
Food of plant origin	Contaminants	Azerbaijan, India	
	Food contact materials	China, Hong Kong	
Plant protection products	Pesticides	Brazil, Costa Rica	
Plant health	Export controls	India, Kenya, Zimbabwe	
	Potatoes – plant pest freedom recognition	Serbia (<i>provisionally planned</i>)	

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

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

MEMBER STATE	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Belgique/België (Belgium)</u>	Poultry meat and poultry meat products, salmonella control in broilers	2009-8063
	Pesticides	2009-8147
	Food hygiene and import controls (food of plant origin)	2009-8154
	Beef traceability	2009-8232
	Babyfood	2009-8239
<u>България (Bulgaria)</u>	General review	2009-8100
	Animal disease contingency plans	2009-8210
	Hygiene package (meat, milk)	2009-8235
<u>Česká republika (Czech Republic)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8087
	General review	2009-8101
<u>Danmark (Denmark)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8327
<u>Deutschland (Germany)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8322
<u>Eesti (Estonia)</u>	General review	2009-8118
<u>Éire/Ireland</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8320
<u>Ελλάδα (Greece)</u>	Salmonella control systems (table egg sector)	2009-8067
	Import/transit controls/border inspection posts (animals and food of animal origin)	2009-8077
	Pesticides	2009-8162
	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8243
	Plant health – Rhynchophorus ferrugineus outbreak	2009-8353
<u>España (Spain)</u>	General review	2009-8124
<u>France</u>	Feed ban controls and requirements for organic fertilisers and soil improvers	2009-8350
<u>Italia (Italy)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8321
	Protected Zones (Erwinia amylovora); Anoplophora outbreak	2009-8179
	Babyfood	2009-8233
<u>Κύπρος (Kypros)/Κίβρις (Cyprus)</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8086
	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8244
	Animal disease contingency plans and ovine and caprine Brucellosis eradication programme	2009-8253
	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)	2009-8304
<u>Latvija (Latvia)</u>	Food hygiene, food additives and food contact materials	2009-8174
<u>Lietuva (Lithuania)</u>	Beef traceability	2009-8234
	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8252
	Animal disease contingency plans, rabies eradication programme	2009-8265
<u>Luxembourg</u>	-	
<u>Magyarország (Hungary)</u>	General review	2009-8120
<u>Malta</u>	General review	2009-8109
	Hygiene package (meat and milk)	2009-8278

MEMBER STATE	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Nederland (Netherlands)</u>	Import/transit controls/border inspection posts (animals and food of animal origin)	2009-8084
	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8095
<u>Österreich (Austria)</u>	Import/transit controls/border inspection posts (animals and food of animal origin)	2009-8082
	General review	2009-8116
<u>Polska (Poland)</u>	-	
<u>Portugal</u>	Poultry meat and poultry meat products, Salmonella controls in broilers	2009-8070
	Import/transit controls/border inspection posts (animals and food of animal origin)	2009-8080
	Import controls (plant health), Giberella circinata and Toxoptera citrida outbreak	2009-8163
	Food hygiene and food contact materials	2009-8173
	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8242
<u>România (Romania)</u>	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8269
<u>Slovenija (Slovenia)</u>	Food hygiene and food contact materials	2009-8168
	Animal disease contingency plans and eradication programmes	2009-8267
<u>Slovensko (Slovakia)</u>	Protected zones (Erwinia amylovora)	2009-8180
<u>Suomi/Finland</u>	Official controls on feed and requirements for feed hygiene	2009-8088
	Import controls (plant health)	2009-8150
	Hygiene packaging (meat, milk)	2009-8229
<u>Sverige (Sweden)</u>	-	
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Poultry meat and poultry meat products, Salmonella control in broilers	2009-8072
	Food contact materials and food additives	2009-8170
	Import/transit controls/border inspection posts (animals and food of animal origin)	2009-8204
	Animal welfare (farms, transport, slaughter)	2009-8268
	Plant health: general follow-up	2009-8299

Annex 2: Inspections in EFTA Countries

EFTA COUNTRY	SHORT TITLE	REFERENCE NUMBER
<u>Switzerland</u>	Public health – export of meat and milk	2009-8217

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>	Evaluation of milk export sector	2009-8291
	Food hygiene, pesticides, food contact materials	2009-8358
<u>Türkiye / Turkey</u>	General review	2009-8129
	Avian influenza eradication programme	2009-8251

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>	General review	2009-8127
<u>Argentina</u>	Poultry meat	2009-8062
<u>Australia</u>	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2009-8193
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	Contaminants (Aflatoxins)	2009-8167
	Live horses (animal health)	2009-8247
<u>Brazil</u>	Pesticides	2009-8145
	Live bovines (animal health)	2009-8354
	Pig meat (animal health)	2009-8356
<u>Canada</u>	Live bivalve molluscs	2009-8036
	Poultry (animal health)	2009-8264
<u>Chile</u>	Red meat/red meat products	2009-8214
	Poultry meat products	2009-8345
<u>China</u>	Live bivalve molluscs	2009-8348
	Food contact materials	2009-8156
	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2009-8187
	Rabbit meat/rabbit meat products (<i>combined with 'casings'</i>)	2009-8292
	Animal casings (<i>combined with 'rabbit meat'</i>)	2009-8293
<u>Colombia</u>	Live horses (animal health)	2009-8339
<u>Congo</u>	Fishery products	2009-8330
<u>Costa Rica</u>	Pesticides	2009-8335
<u>Gabon</u>	Fishery products	2009-8041
<u>Guinea</u>	Fishery products	2009-8043
<u>Hong Kong</u>	Food contact materials	2009-8158
<u>India</u>	Contaminants (Aflatoxins)	2009-8148
	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2009-8190
	Plant health: export controls	2009-8313
	Contaminants (PCPs, dioxins)	2009-8329
<u>Indonesia</u>	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2009-8191
<u>Israel</u>	Milk/milk-based products	2009-8219
	Fishery products	2009-8341
<u>Kenya</u>	Plant health: export controls - follow up	2009-8181
<u>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</u>	Fishery products	2009-8047
	Live horses (animal health)	2009-8274

<u>THIRD COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE NUMBER</u>
<u>Mauritius</u>	Fishery products	2009-8034
<u>Myanmar</u>	Fishery products	2009-8049
<u>Pakistan</u>	Animal casings	2009-8296
<u>Peru</u>	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	2009-8052
<u>Russian Federation</u>	Poultry meat (animal health) Poultry meat, poultry meat products	2009-8355 2009-8357
<u>Serbia</u>	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products) Potatoes (plant health)	2009-8194 2009-8359
<u>Sierra Leone</u>	Fishery products	2009-8351
<u>Singapore</u>	Aquaculture (animal health)	2009-8276
<u>Thailand</u>	Aquaculture (animal health)	2009-8275
<u>Ukraine</u>	Red meat/ red meat products Milk/milk-based products	2009-8282 2009-8283
<u>Uruguay</u>	Fishery products and live bivalve molluscs	2009-8054
<u>Viet Nam</u>	Residues and contaminants (live animals and animal products)	2009-8188
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	Plant health, export controls	2009-8185



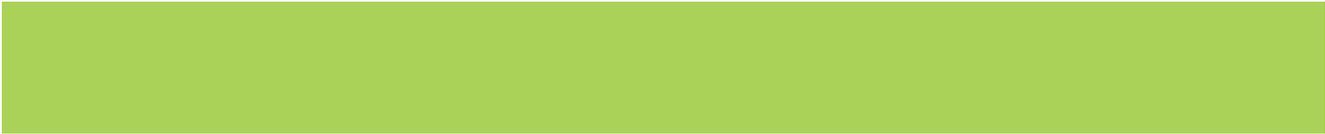
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