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N°	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority	FVO Assessment of CA Response
1	<p>To ensure that certificates of competence issued correctly indicate for which categories of animals, type of equipment and for which of the operations listed in Article 7(2) or (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 the certificate is valid, as required by Article 21(3) of the Regulation.</p> <p>Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 21, 23 and 25</p>	<p>The National Reference Centre for Animal Welfare (Centro di Referenza Nazionale per il benessere animale) has taken steps to make the appropriate modifications to the national registration software which will be scheduled for September and completed for October.</p>	<p>OUT OF SCOPE</p>
2	<p>To set up a system so that, when necessary, the CAs can require manufacturers to amend the instructions for the use of restraining and stunning equipment as foreseen by Article 22(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.</p> <p>Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 5, 26, 81 and 83</p>	<p>As regards Recommendation 2, 'to set up a system so that, when necessary, the CAs can withdraw or suspend certificates of competence or require manufacturers to amend the instructions for the use of restraining and stunning equipment as foreseen by Article 21 (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009' it is noted that the Competent Authority (CA), namely the ASL, may suspend or revoke certificates of competence by means of the instruments available in the national system under the Law of 7 August 1990 as amended (Article 21 quater and quinquies) or, according to the gravity of the situation found, by adopting a measure suspending or revoking the effect of the certificate itself. In any event, in order to</p>	<p>OUT OF SCOPE</p>

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		<p>model report has been prepared which the regional veterinary authorities will have to complete every year and send to the CCA setting out all critical situations detected during the controls carried out in slaughterhouses in the previous year for the purpose of developing an action plan.</p>	
7	<p>To update the instructions for approval of slaughterhouses so that the requirements of Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 are included in these instructions as required by Article 31(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 44 and 61</p>	<p>In respect of this recommendation, the CCA will send a letter to all the health departments of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces so that when the veterinary services authorise slaughterhouses they also verify the requirements in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 and Article 31(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on animal welfare aspects.</p>	<p>OUT OF SCOPE</p> 
8	<p>To enforce the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical waterbath stunners so as to ensure the loss of consciousness and sensibility of the animals from the moment of stunning until the moment of death, as required by Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 51, 57, 59 and 62</p>	<p>In relation to the application of the amperage parameters for water bath stunners set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, we have directly observed and many times it has been pointed out to us that the amperage values determine the appearance of petechial haemorrhages on meat so that it depreciates or cannot be sold.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p> <p>The action proposed is satisfactory but the CCA has not indicated a tentative deadline for when the described procedure to enforce electrical waterbath stunning parameters will be set in motion.</p>

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		<p>We therefore deem it appropriate to modify those parameters in accordance with the welfare criteria to ensure that the animal is stunned, so as to avoid the inconvenience of petecchiaie on meat. In the meantime, however, we intend to ensure full compliance with the Community provisions and as the Central Competent Authority we will set this in motion, issuing any provisions and requesting controls aimed at verifying compliance with the amperage parameters for water baths in Italian poultry slaughterhouses.</p>	
9	<p>To ensure that the daily mortality rate and, where applicable, cumulative daily mortality rate are included in the documents accompanying broilers transported to slaughterhouses as required by Point 1.1 of Annex III of Directive 2007/43/EC. Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 75, 77 and 79</p>	<p>The Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of Health of 13 November 2013 lays down the 'detailed operational rules for the computerised records of poultry holdings, in application of Article 4 of Legislative Decree No 9 of 25 January 2012'.</p> <p>On the basis of that Ministerial Decree the Ministry is making preparations for the documents accompanying broilers transported to slaughter to be compiled online by the owner/holder of the animals and therefore they will be able to be used directly by the official veterinarian of the slaughterhouse</p>	<p>OUT OF SCOPE</p> 