



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate F - Food and Veterinary Office
Director

DG(SANTE)/2014-7075-CN

Note on
the close-out of follow-up action for the audit on
Italy
from 03 March 2014 to 14 March 2014
in order to evaluate the animal welfare controls in place at slaughter and during related operations



1. Summary of FVO Assessment of the Action Plan

Overall summary of assessment made on the Action Plan submitted by the Competent Authorities of Italy on 30 January 2015 in response to report DG(SANTE)/2014-7075 - MR Final.

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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</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</p>	<p>Priority: High</p> <p>Overall: Unsatisfactory The minimum parameters indicated in Annex I of the Regulation ensure that birds have lost consciousness and sensibility. When</p>



	<p>Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 51, 57, 59 and 62</p>	<p>haemorrhages on meat so that it depreciates or cannot be sold. 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 petecchiae 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> <p>On 29/01/2015 the CA wrote: Protocol note 0027265 of 23/12/2014 DGSAFCOD_ UO-P (attached) has been sent</p>	<p>using parameters below those indicated by Annex I of the Regulation it is not possible to confirm whether the birds have been adequately stunned or have been simply immobilised.</p> <p>Proposed Action: For action by Unit F1</p> <p>Proposed Action Detail: Colleagues in F1 should follow-up by the requesting the CA to enforce the minimum stunning parameters indicated in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.</p>
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