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FVO assessment of the Action Plan submitted by the Competent Authorities of Estonia on 06 January 2014 in response to Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6825 -MR of a/an audit carried out from 03 June 2013 to 07 June 2013 in order to evaluate the implementation of the requirements on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter.

| N° | Recommendation | Action Proposed by the Competent Authority | FVO Assessment of CA Response |
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| 1 | To notify the Commission of the stricter national rules that have been adopted aiming at ensuring more extensive protection of animals at the time of killing, as required by Article 26(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. | Commission has been informed of the stricter national rules, as required by Article 26(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on 26. August 2013 (letter No 11.3-3/1859). | OUT OF SCOPE [REDACTED] |
| 2 | To ensure that sufficient independent scientific support is available to assist the competent authorities, upon their request. In case scientific support is provided via a network, identify a single contact point and make this contact point publicly available via the Internet, as required by Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. | The contact details of scientific contact point, as required by Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, are available on the following address: http://www.vet.agri.ee/?op=body&id=942 | OUT OF SCOPE [REDACTED] |
| 3 | To enforce the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, particularly parameters 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. | In cases where during the next scheduled inspection (the first half of 2014), the deficiency is not eliminated, the CA will implement all statutory sanctions to meet the parameters of electrical waterbath stunners with stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. | Unsatisfactory It is unclear whether all the business operators that are not applying the specified parameters for electrical waterbath stunners indicated in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 have already been inspected by the Competent Authority and informed of the action that will be taken if the deficiency is not eliminated by the next scheduled inspection. |