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

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Note on
the close-out of follow-up action for the audit on
the Czech Republic
from 16 June 2014 to 20 June 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 the Czech Republic on 10 December 2014 in response to report DG(SANTE)/2014-7060 - MR Final.

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7	<p>The CA should ensure that the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical stunning of poultry are applied, as required by Article 4(1) of that Regulation.</p> <p>Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 48, 49, 61.</p>	<p>SVA: The SVA is collecting data as regards neck cutters as well as the waterbath stunning parameters used at poultry SHs. The data will be evaluated until the end of the year 2014. In case of necessary technology adaptations the RVA will issue a binding instruction to business operators with a feasible term to change the system to be in compliance with Regulation.</p> <p>Updated response from CA 18 March 2015 :</p> <p>Currently the welfare inspectors are carrying out the on-site checks for further verification. If the waterbath stunning max. 5 and in head only el. stunning max. 6 binding instructions are expected. Number of binding instructions will be announced in April 2015.</p>	<p>Priority:</p> <p>Overall: Satisfactory Actions proposed by CA can satisfactorily address this recommendation. After completing the evaluation of data please indicate how many binding instructions will have to be issued concerning waterbath stunning parameters, as well as an estimated date for issuing all such binding instructions. Update: Estimated deadline now indicated, April 2015.</p> <p>Proposed Action: For action by Unit F1</p> <p>Proposed Action Detail: Update on how many binding instructions were issued could be requested either from an administrative follow-up point of view or</p>



			in preparation for a General Follow-up Audit. NGOs have recently raised the attention to this issue (insufficient stunning of poultry) so this can become a sensitive mater.
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