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# Progress made in the implementation of audit recommendations

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Audit 2015-7427 of 08 April 2015 in order to evaluate the animal welfare controls in place at slaughter and during related operations		
Recommendation	Basis for assessment	Current Status
<p><b>2015-7427-7</b></p> <p>The competent authority should ensure that when poultry is not subject to particular methods of slaughter, prescribed by religious rites, the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical water bath stunners are applied as required by Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.</p> <p>Conclusions and findings upon which this recommendation is based: 66 and 80.</p>	<p>This recommendation is based on the finding that the operators of the slaughterhouse using electronarcosis (waterbath) informed the audit team that the parameters used would be the same for religious as for non-religious slaughter. However, while Article 4(4) allows a derogation from the stunning requirements prescribed in Annex I of the Regulation for slaughter under religious rites, this is not allowed for non-religious slaughter; this non-compliance had not been enforced by the OV. Therefore the electrical waterbath parameters used would not respect the requirements when performing non-religious slaughter of: broilers with approximately 850g live weight; and broilers with approximately 1.8kg when their marketing was linked to a particular quality standard.</p> <p><b>In their response</b>, the French authorities stated that the inspection methods would be upgraded to include additional elements, particularly in relation to the standard operating procedures, procedures for monitoring business operators and records. The animal protection vademecum/guide for slaughterhouses was updated on 10 September 2015. The animal protection Vademecum/guide for poultry slaughterhouses was expected to be updated before the end of the first quarter of 2016. These elements would also be disseminated through training</p>	<p>Closed due to action taken</p>

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	<p>courses and exchanges of practice.</p> <p><b>During the 2016 GFA</b>, the French authorities provided a copy of the Vademecum for poultry slaughterhouses, which satisfactorily addresses this issue. In addition, they indicated that this issue was discussed during technical support provided by the RNA (<i>réfèrent national abattoir</i>) and through exchanges of practices.</p>	