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Progress made in the implementation of audit recommendations

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Audit 2014-7060 of 16 June 2014 to evaluate the animal welfare controls in place at slaughter and during related operations		
Recommendation	Basis of assessment	Assessment
<p>2014-7060 -7</p> <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>This recommendation is based on findings (48 and 49) and related conclusion (61) of the audit report that the intensity of the electric currents applied for stunning poultry is well below the minimum required by the Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 even though there is no scientific evidence to guarantee that all birds have been stunned instead of electrically immobilised. In consequence at least 6% of the broilers showed signs of clear recovery of consciousness before dying from bleeding out.</p> <p>The competent authority original and up-dated (March 2015) responses:</p> <p>SVA stated that it had started already on-site checks to collect data also related to the water-bath stunning parameters used at poultry slaughterhouses. In all cases where necessary technology adaptations is required, the RVA will issue a binding instruction to business operators requesting them, with a feasible term, to change the system to be in compliance with Regulation. SVA expects five "the water-bath stunning" and six "the head only electric stunning" binding instructions to be announced in April 2015.</p> <p>Information from GFA 2015-7656:</p> <p>In 2014 SVA instructed RVAs to carry out in slaughterhouses verifications that included, between the others, requirements</p>	Action taken

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	<p>for electric stunning of poultry as required by Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. Between December 2014 and April 2015, RVAs' inspectors have carried out verifications in all poultry slaughterhouses. Inspectors found all poultry slaughterhouses to be in compliance with requirements for parameters of electric stunning.</p> <p>In two slaughterhouses visited during audit No.: 2014-7060 operators have taken corrective actions itself and have changed the parameters for electric stunning and developed relevant changes in their SOPs immediately after the audit took place.</p>	