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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate F - Food and Veterinary Office
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Note on
the close-out of follow-up action for the audit on
Estonia
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



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1. Summary of FVO Assessment of the Action Plan

Overall summary of assessment made on the Action Plan submitted by the Competent Authorities of Estonia on 08 April 2014 in response to report DG(SANCO)/2013-6825 - MR Final.

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3	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Additional information received on 9 April 2014:</p> <p>Control of stunning parameters for electrical waterbath was carried out at 7 of April 2014 in slaughterhouse for poultry. Competent Authority issued a written prescription to business operator because stunning parameters did not conform to requirements specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) 1099/2009. Business operator has been warned about next possible sanctions CA will implement in case of continuance of deficiency/continuing noncompliance.</p>	<p>Priority: Medium</p> <p>Overall: Satisfactory 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.</p> <p>Following the additional information received the action taken is considered satisfactory.</p> <p>Proposed Action: For action by Unit F1</p> <p>Proposed Action Detail: F1 may wish to collect a copy of the written prescription issued to the business operator following the inspection of 7 of April 2014 warning about next possible sanctions the CA will implement if this non-compliance is not corrected.</p>
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