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# COUNTRY PROFILE Follow-up status of FVO recommendations

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Audit 2014-7080 of 29 April 2014 in order to evaluate the animal welfare controls in place at slaughter and during related operations		
Recommendation	Basis of assessment	Status
<p><b>2014-7080-1</b></p> <p>To put in place, and make operational, the necessary implementing measures so that the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 can be enforced</p>	<p>This recommendation is based on conclusions: 20, 25, 35, 48 and 49 in the audit report and related findings that national legislation was not in place, which is needed for the implementing of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. Documented procedures for official controls still refer to Directive 93/119/EC. The report also states that the lack of implementing rules together with the lack of understanding by operators and OV's on how to calculate the electrical current applied per bird led to the use of water bath stunning for poultry using parameters below those required in the Regulation.</p> <p><u>Information received before the 2015 GFA:</u></p> <p>The original response of the UK stated:</p> <p>"Since the audit took place, national legislation to implement the requirements of Council Regulation 1099/2009 has been put in place in Wales and Northern Ireland (links to the websites were provided).</p> <p>Additionally, both the FSA and the APHA have taken the following actions to ensure that the FVO's concerns about planning for official controls, controls on business operator obligations and killing at slaughterhouse are addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From mid-August this year, FSA have introduced a new audit process that fully covers all the requirements of 1099/2009 and domestic legislation.</li> <li>• The FSA will start to enforce fully the requirement for Standard Operating Procedures and Animal Welfare Officers including that for Certificates of Competence from 22 October 2014 in Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland are fully enforcing these requirements.</li> <li>• FSA are in the process of purchasing a measuring device to record the electrical parameters in water bath stunners and will have trained employed Veterinary staff on use of this equipment by the end of this year.</li> <li>• FSA check list for approvals has been amended to include a question on line speed.</li> <li>• Revised operational instructions regarding the implementation of 1099/2009 outside approved slaughterhouses were published by the APHA on 15 October 2014 in Scotland and Wales.</li> </ul> <p>APHA have worked closely with FSA and representatives of the Local Authorities to develop</p>	<p>Closed due to action taken</p>

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	<p>better communications especially on providing feedback to FSA OV' s on welfare issues identified at slaughterhouses. A system has been agreed, and changes to APHA operational instructions have been drafted.</p> <p><u>In the context of the 2015 GFA the UK authorities provided the following update:</u></p> <p>FSA has monitoring devices to record electrical parameters in water bath stunners. Selected veterinarians were trained in their use at the start of the year. The devices will be used by Field Veterinary Leaders where there is concern at parameters in use for water bath stunning.</p> <p>FSA stated during the GFA that once the legislation for England is adopted implementation of the legislation will quickly follow, as the UK authorities are already prepared based on experiences gained in Wales (e.g. SOPs, enforcement notices).</p> <p>The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 (2015 No 1782) was laid before Parliament on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and came into force on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015.</p>	