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<i>N°</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Action Proposed by the Competent Authority</i>	<i>FVO Assessment of CA Response</i>
1	To put in place, and make operational, the necessary implementing measures so that the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 can be enforced. Conclusions upon which this recommendation is based: 20, 25, 35, 48 and 49	<p>Accept.</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. These are available at:</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2014/107/pdfs/nisr_20140107_en.pdf</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2014/951/pdfs/wsi_20140951_mi.pdf</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"> • From mid-August this year, FSA have introduced a new audit process that fully covers all the requirements of 1099/2009 and domestic legislation. • The FSA will start to enforce fully the 	Satisfactory

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		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• FSA check list for approvals has been amended to include a question on line speed.• 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.• APHA have worked closely with FSA and representatives of the Local Authorities to develop 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	
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