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# Progress made in the implementation of audit recommendations

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### 2.B.10 Animal welfare

Audit 2014-7079 of 01 April 2014 in order to evaluate the animal welfare controls in place at slaughter and during related operations		
Recommendation	Basis for assessment	Current Status
<b>2014-7079-3</b> Ensure that the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical	<b>In their response to the audit report</b> , the Spanish Authorities provided the following information:  "In order to address this recommendation, the <b>Autonomous Communities</b> will:  Revise and, as appropriate, adapt the work procedures and monitoring protocols so that they	Closed due to action taken

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<p>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: 33, 50, 52, 53 and 63.</p>	<p>include aspects related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• checks on HACCP plans in order to ensure that they include stunning parameters for electrical water bath stunners as specified by the legislation;</li> <li>• checks that the established parameters are being implemented correctly;</li> <li>• inclusion of stunning indicators to indicate that animals have been stunned correctly.</li> </ul> <p>This revision will be carried out by 30 September 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion, in the programme for 2016, of the supervision of official control activities to verify their efficiency."</li> </ul> <p><b>In the context of the 2018 administrative up-date of the country profile</b>, the Spanish Authorities provided information the following information: <b>Asturias</b> indicated that they only have 3 small slaughterhouses, none of which uses water-bath stunning.</p> <p><b>País Vasco</b> confirmed that the verification of the stunning parameters specified in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical water bath stunners is included in their working procedures.</p> <p><b>Galicia</b> provided information in relation to their instructions and check-lists for official veterinary controls at slaughterhouses in an IT application (SEMAGA), including, among others, a check-list for the verification of the conditions of stunning of birds.</p> <p>However, no documentary evidence (e.g., copies of inspection reports or filled in check-lists) was provided on official checks on: HACCP plans in order to ensure that they include stunning parameters for electrical water bath stunners as specified by the legislation; that the established parameters for electrical water bath stunners are being implemented correctly; and stunning indicators to verify that animals have been stunned correctly.</p> <p>In addition: although point 15 of the check-list provided refers to the parameters of Annex I, its point 17.2 refers to a "sufficient voltage" (voltage is only <b>one</b> of the key parameters in</p>	

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	<p>accordance with Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009).</p> <p><b>In the context of the 2019 GFA, the Spanish Authorities</b> explained that a national guidance document (<i>PNT</i>) had been adopted and published on the CCA website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.aecosan.msssi.gob.es/AECOSAN/docs/documentos/seguridad_alimentaria/gestion_riesgos/PNT_ATURDIMIENTO.pdf">http://www.aecosan.msssi.gob.es/AECOSAN/docs/documentos/seguridad_alimentaria/gestion_riesgos/PNT_ATURDIMIENTO.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p>In addition, evidence from Galicia was provided (copies of inspection reports) that the check-list has been amended, and that inspectors include in their official controls at slaughterhouse the verification of the parameter of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 for electrical water bath stunners are applied.</p> <p><u>Assessment</u></p> <p><i>The actions implemented by the Spanish authorities address this recommendation.</i></p>	