



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Health and food audits and analysis
Director

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Dear [REDACTED],

Council Decision 2006/778/EC concerning minimum requirements for the collection of information during the inspections of production sites on which certain animals are kept for farming purposes¹ provides in Article 8 that Member States shall submit to the Commission a report concerning the information collected and recorded in accordance with this Decision, during inspections carried out during the previous calendar year on farm animal welfare requirements. The report shall be accompanied by an analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them.

I regret to note that a check of our records indicates that we did not receive a report of the inspections of farm animal welfare carried out in your country in 2018. The deadline for submission of this report was 30 June 2019. You are kindly requested therefore to forward the report, once completed, to sante-consult-f2@ec.europa.eu.

As you are aware, the above Decision will be replaced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/723² after this year. The Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Unit F2 is planning to hold a meeting on 4 and 5 December 2019 in Grange with Member State representatives to discuss the organisation of official controls of farm animal welfare, including the reporting requirements.

In order to help prepare the agenda for this meeting I would also be grateful if you could, in addition to providing the report for 2018 inspections, indicate:

1. any strategic and operational objectives in your multi-annual national control plan (MANCP) relevant to farm animal welfare and how well these objectives were

¹ Commission Decision of 14 November 2006 concerning minimum requirements for the collection of information during the inspections of production sites on which certain animals are kept for farming purposes (OJ L 314, 15.11.2006, p. 39)

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/723 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the standard model form to be used in the annual reports submitted by Member States was published today in the Official Journal L 124

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achieved in 2018. Please explain also any deviations by regional authorities from the relevant objectives in the MANCP;

2. the extent to which animal welfare indicators are included in your official controls for assessing legal requirements for animal welfare such as the general requirement that animals "*are not caused any unnecessary pain, suffering or injury*".

██████████ Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety is responsible for preparing an agenda for the meeting on 4 and 5 December and can be contacted for any further clarification needed (Tel.: ██████████, e-mail: ██████████ [@ec.europa.eu](mailto:██████████@ec.europa.eu)).

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