ANNEX 2:

RESPONSE OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF VIET NAM TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT REF. DG(SANCO)/2012-6535-MR OF AN AUDIT CARRIED OUT FROM 11 TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2012 IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE MONITORING OF RESIDUES AND CONTAMINANTS IN ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CONTROLS ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

N°	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	Ensure that the information included in the honey and aquaculture residue monitoring plans provided to the Commission services is complete and accurate, taking into account the requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC.	Department of Animal Health (DAH): Before March 31 of the year, the DAH of Vietnam will submit to the EU Commission: The Results of Regulatory Program for Control of Residues in honey of the previous Year; The Regulatory Program for Control Residue in Honey for the following Year including the laboratories testing, the samples and the detailed draft plan for the sampling and surveillance activities.
		NAFIQAD: Taking into account the requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC, NAFIQAD always ensure that the results of implementation of the aquaculture RMP of the previous year and plan for the next year submitted to DG SANCO annually by 31 March
2	Ensure that all appropriate veterinary medicinal products are included in the scope of testing in the aquaculture residue monitoring plan, taking account of the availability of medicines on the domestic market, the likelihood of their use in the relevant production sector and residues detected in exported consignments, to the extent that guarantees provided should be at least equivalent to the requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC.	- Substance groups and testing parameters stipulated in the Vietnam's aquaculture RMP are equivalent to the requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC. -Basically on risk assessment, NAFIQAD annually updates substances that are likely to be abused to the program. NAFIQAD informed the producers to perform follow-up investigation as to the possible cause of the contamination and take corrective actions for non-compliant cases detected in the previous year of RMP, pre-export testing and notifications from importing countries individually. If the result reflects that veterinary medicinal products (such as doxycycline, neomycin and ivermectin) could potentially be misused, NAFIQAD will take it into account to include these substances in the scope of testing in the aquaculture RMP in 2013.
3	Ensure that the aquaculture residue monitoring plan, including details of districts, areas and species to be sampled, is not published before samples are taken, in order to ensure that residue surveillance is in line with the objectives laid down in Annex III to Council Directive 96/23/EC.	Following the requirements of Decision No. 130/2008/QĐ-BNN dated December 31, 2008 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, NAFIQAD will notice Southern Region Authority (NAFIQAD-SRA) not to send sampling plan of the aquaculture RMP to processing plans and publish to the internet before all samples taken
4	Ensure that sampling of honey is carried out at variable intervals spread out over the whole year, across a representative number of establishments and avoiding multiple sampling from the same sites in order to provide guarantees at least equivalent to the requirements of the Annex to Commission Decision 98/179/EC.	DAH: Distribution of honey sampling and surveillance activities will be considered more carefully through the DAH Scientific and Technical Committee to endorse the plan including sample, sampling types, sites, establishments and times or intervals. The detailed plan for the sampling and surveillance activities will be submitted yearly to EU Commission before March 31.