

Response of the Competent Authorities of Lithuania to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2012-6526-MR of an audit carried out from 12 to 16 November 2012 in order to evaluate the implementation of controls for animal welfare on farms and during transport

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1	The CCA should ensure that the Council of Europe recommendation concerning fur animals is implemented as required by Article 9(3) of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals Kept for Farming Purposes.	The recommendations for fur animal farms are being prepared and they will include also the requirement for the enclosures and buildings that shall be designed and constructed so as to minimize the entry of rats, mice and birds. It is expected that the project of recommendations will be prepared until January 2014.
2	The CCA should continue with its efforts to have the Lithuanian legislation concerning broiler production modified to ensure that the misunderstanding concerning the light regime is corrected, and Lithuanian legislation is brought into alignment with the requirements of Council Directive 2007/43/EC Annex I point 7. Corresponding modifications should also be made to the relevant standard operating procedures.	SFVS has addressed the European Law Department under Ministry of Justice on 21 November 2012 by letter No. B6-(1.19)-2617 and asked to correct the mistake in translation of point 7 Annex I Council Directive 2007/43/EC. On 14 February 2013 SFVS has received a notification that Procedure applicable in according to the Council Statement of 1975 on obvious errors in one language version will be applied, so SFVS has prepared the project of the amendment of the Order of the Director of SFVS of 27 April 2010 No. B1-173 approving welfare requirements for broiler chicken and this amendment is being harmonised with the stakeholders. When the legal act will be amended, the relevant SOP will be corrected accordingly by 1 June 2013.
3	The CCA should ensure that the system for verifying the effectiveness of official controls adequately detects and takes corrective action when inspectors diminish their effectiveness by not strictly following the relevant procedures for their controls, as required by Art. 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	The SOP KS-2-6-D On verification of effectiveness of official controls was approved on 16 November 2012 by order No. B1-918 and the procedures for the controls is in place as required by Art. 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.
4	The CCA should take measures to ensure that the method used for calculating broiler stocking densities does not underestimate	The SOP KS-2-4-6 D1 will be amended until 1 June 2013. And the method of calculation of broiler chicken density will be in line with

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	the real density, in order to guarantee that the FBO does not exceed the stocking densities for which he was approved under Article 3 of Directive 2007/43/EC.	Council Directive 2007/43/EC.
5	The CCA should ensure that when a productive animal needs to be killed on the farm this is done in compliance with Art. 4 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, and that methods referred to in Annex I to that Regulation that do not result in instantaneous death (e.g. captive bolt device) are followed by a procedure ensuring death.	Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 is applied directly and the questionnaire for checking of killing of animals (other than slaughtering) (annex 3 of SOP KT-2-4) includes the requirements that animals must be killed in accordance with the legal requirements. The SOP KS-2-4-6 D1 will be amended until 1 June 2013 and it will include the requirement for killing animals on farms. SFVS has planned a training of official veterinarian on welfare requirements in III quarter 2013 and this issue will be covered.
6	The CCA should continue with its efforts to ensure that controls on the review of journey logs prior to transport are appropriate to verify if journey logs submitted by organisers are realistic and indicate compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, as required by its Article 14(1) (a) (ii).	All journey logs before being approved by the official veterinarian of the SFVS of the region are revised by the specialists from the central SFVS in order to ensure that they are realistic and in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 Article 14(1) (a) (ii).
7	The CCA should continue with its efforts to ensure that the controls on the review of journey logs after transport are performed using also SNS data which was seen to be more appropriate, as required by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, to verify that travel times and rest periods have complied with the limits set out in Chapter V of Annex I of this Regulation.	All territorial SFVS perform the checks of returned journey logs and central SFVS carry out verification of the controls when randomly checking the returned journey logs and data of the tachometers.