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1	The Competent Authorities should ensure that reports are drawn up after official controls and are in line with the requirements of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	
2	The Competent Authorities should ensure that establishments producing mechanically separated meat meet the relevant requirements established in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and are approved for the activities concerned in order to comply with the provisions of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.	
3	The Competent Authorities should ensure that the list of approved establishments is kept up to date, as required by Article 31(f) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	
4	To ensure that procedures are in place to ensure the effectiveness of official controls that are carried out and to ensure that corrective action is taken when needed, as required by Article 8.3 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	
5	In order to comply with European Union requirements, the Competent Authorities should ensure that deficiencies found are corrected in the establishments visited and are not present in other approved establishments (Article 54 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	
6	The Competent Authorities should ensure that European Union requirements for the production and use of mechanically	

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	separated meat are respected (Chapter III (3) and (4) of Section V of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004).	
7	The Competent Authorities should ensure that when food business operators' sampling programmes are implemented, the sampling protocols are in compliance with those of Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005.	
8	The Competent Authorities should ensure that products containing mechanically separated meat, as well as other ingredients such as chicken skin, are correctly labelled in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2000/13/EC and indications on labels do not mislead consumers (Directive 2000/13/EC and Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002).	
9	The Competent Authorities should ensure that mechanically separated meat sold to other establishments is accompanied by the necessary information which allows food business operators to use it in meat preparations and meat products in accordance with the requirements of points 3(e) and 4(g), Chapter III, Section V, Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, and to label the products destined to the final consumers in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2000/13/EC and of paragraph 2, section VI, Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.	

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