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Response of the Competent Authorities of Estonia to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6740-MR of an audit carried out from 04 to 08 March 2013 in order to evaluate measures in place for the identification of hazards and management risks along the feed chain

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| 1 | To ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular as regards: a) identifying all the relevant risks linked to activities and operations when risk-rating feed establishments, b) ensuring that official controls always take account of the reliability of feed operators' own-checks and c) ensuring that official sampling takes better account of the relevant risk criteria, notably as regards dioxins and the possible presence of residues of veterinary medicines in feed for non-target species. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board makes amendments in the procedures and guidelines.</p> <p>An education/training will be organized in 2013.</p> |
| 2 | To register establishments carrying out drying of feed and list them accordingly, as laid down, respectively, by Articles 9 and 19 of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. | <p>According to Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 the authority shall register the activities according to Article 9 i.e activity of the stage of production: processing, producing, storage, transport, distribution of feed, import, producing for own use.</p> <p>Changing the legal acts of the registration of FBO in connection with more specific activity field is under consideration.</p> |
| 3 | To ensure the effectiveness of measures required concerning the minimisation of cross-contamination with veterinary medicines, as laid down by Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board prepares amendments in internal guidelines for inspectors for verification of measures on cross contamination with veterinary medicines.</p> <p>Training of inspectors will be held in 2013.</p> <p>The meeting with feed business operators will be held before the end of</p> |

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| 4 | To ensure that feed operators achieve homogeneous mixes, and that the methodology used allows determining the effectiveness of mixers, as laid down by Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board prepares amendments in internal guidelines for inspectors for verification of measures on homogeneity.</p> <p>Training of inspectors will be held in 2013.</p> <p>The meeting with feed business operators will be held before the end of 2013.</p> |
| 5 | To ensure that the requirements concerning the monitoring of undesirable substances, notably dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs and aflatoxins, are complied with, as laid down by Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board prepares amendments in internal guidelines for inspectors for verification of measures on monitoring of undesirable substances.</p> <p>Training of inspectors will be held in 2013.</p> <p>The meeting with feed business operators will be held before the end of 2013.</p> |
| 6 | To ensure that the requirements concerning the keeping of samples of ingredients used and final products placed on the market are complied with, as laid down by Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board prepares amendments in internal guidelines for inspectors for verification of measures on keeping samples.</p> <p>Training of inspectors will be held in 2013.</p> <p>The meeting with feed business operators will be held before the end of</p> |

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| 7 | To ensure that feed operators comply with the requirements concerning procedures based on the HACCP principles, as laid down by Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, in particular as regards the identification of hazards linked to incoming materials or processes followed during the handling of feed. | <p>Veterinary and Food Board prepares amendments in internal guidelines for inspectors checking HACCP principles.</p> <p>Training of inspectors will be held in 2013.</p> <p>The meeting with feed business operators will be held before the end of 2013.</p> |