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N°.	*Recommendation*	*Action Proposed by the Competent Authority*
1	Ensure that residues sampling is evenly spread over the whole year and that multiple sampling from individual producers is avoided as required by point 2 of the Annex to Commission Decision 98/179/EC.	
2	Ensure that food chain information is structured in such a way to guarantee that when properly completed and signed by the producer in line with the requirements stipulated in Annex 2, section III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, animals cannot be sent for slaughter within veterinary medicinal product withdrawal periods.	
3	Ensure that officials in charge of controls in slaughterhouses always carry out inspection tasks related to food chain information as required by Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.	
4	Ensure that all relevant competent authorities involved in the implementation of the RMP carry out internal audits or have external audits carried out, and take appropriate measures in the light of their results as required by Article 4.6 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	
5	Ensure that sampling and analysis are carried out in a timely fashion and that when non-compliances are detected there is effective and efficient co-operation and co-ordination between relevant competent authorities, as required by Article 4(5) of	

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	Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, so that effective follow-up actions in accordance with the relevant requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC can be implemented in a timely manner.	
6	Ensure that follow-up actions are sufficient to prevent products which potentially contain residues of veterinary medicinal products from being placed on the market, as required by Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.	
7	Ensure that the NRLs fulfil all of their functions as laid down in Article 14 of Council Directive 96/23/EC, particularly in relation to co-ordinating the standards and methods of analyses for each residue regarding all laboratories performing RMP testing and ensuring that the methods used in the Autonomous Community laboratories are sufficiently sensitive to detect abuse of illegal substances in line with EURL recommended values.	
8	Ensure that all remaining analytical laboratory methods are validated as laid down in Article 3 of Commission Decision 2002/657/EC and included in the scope of accreditation for all analyte/matrix combination as laid down in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	