

ANNEX I

Response of the Competent Authorities of Kenya to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6704-MR of an audit carried out from 27 May to 07 June 2013 in order to evaluate the control systems in place governing the production of fishery products intended for export to the European Union

N°.	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	To ensure that fishery products intended for export to the EU have been handled in establishments, in particular in transport vessels from other third countries carrying frozen fishery products in bulk landed in Kenya, appear on lists in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.	The CCA has instructed Food Business Operators (FBOs) to provide a list of transport vessels supplying frozen fishery products to their premises for approval. This list will be updated regularly to ensure that these transport vessels appear on the lists in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 854/2004.
2	To ensure that fishery products have been handled and stored, as established in Part II.1 of the health certificate, in compliance with Section VIII, Chapter I, point 3 and Chapter III, part B of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.	The CA will closely monitor FBOs to ensure regular maintenance of cold stores including calibration of temperature recording devices and monitoring of cold store temperatures. Records for the same shall be maintained by food business operators and audited during inspections to ensure compliance. Monitoring of FBOs to ensure compliance has already commenced.
3	To ensure that, as established in Part II.1 of the health certificate, fishery products exported to the EU have satisfactory undergone official controls laid down in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, in particular dioxins and that histamine testing is in line with Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005.	<p>The CA has revised the sampling protocol for contaminants to include monitoring of dioxins. The CA is in the process of identifying an accredited laboratory to conduct the analysis. The anticipated period to start implementation is within one year.</p> <p>Sampling for histamine for official controls shall be conducted as per the National Manual of Standard Operating Procedures. This will commence as soon as the concerned establishment resumes operations.</p>
4	To ensure, as established in Part II.1 of the health certificate, that fishery products exported to the EU have been handled in establishments implementing a programme based on HACCP	The CA will closely monitor FBOs to ensure that fishery products are handled and kept at low temperatures along the processing line by use of ice. Product temperature will be monitored as documented in HACCP

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	principles taking into account temperature requirements in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.	plans and records kept for audit and verification by CA during inspections. Monitoring of FBOs to ensure compliance has already commenced.
5	To ensure that, as established in Part II.1 of the health certificate, that fishery products exported to the EU have satisfactory undergone the official controls laid down in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, in particular concerning dioxins.	The CA has revised the sampling protocol for contaminants to include monitoring of dioxins. The CA shall identify an accredited laboratory to conduct the analysis. The anticipated period to start implementation is within one year.
6	To ensure that laboratories performing official control analyses apply the principles of internationally recognised quality assurance techniques, including proficiency testing, and are evaluated and/or accredited under officially recognised quality management and assurance programmes equivalent to international standards, such as ISO/IEC 17025, to ensure the reliability of analytical results.	The CA will work closely with the accredited laboratories involved in analysis of analysis of heavy metals and PCBs to have them participate in Proficiency Testing Schemes (PTS). The anticipated period to start implementation is within one year.