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1	To ensure that only establishments in compliance with all relevant requirements of food law are approved and the approval of establishments is in line with Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. To ensure that when carrying out official controls, the review of approval conditions of the establishments is accurate and the list of establishments maintained is up-to-date.	<p>Actions already taken:</p> <p>The SVFA already during the FVO audit has elaborated the Instruction for listing and delisting of approved establishments (No.4092/2012-330 from 5.12.2012) which was presented to the FVO audit team.</p> <p>Training combined with working meeting took place on 20.-22. February 2013 the participants of which were the representatives of the SVFA and DVFAs (heads of Departments for food hygiene and official controls and the heads of Units for food hygiene and official controls for products of animal origin) and where the course and findings of the FVO audit DG (SANCO)/2012-6366 were analysed.</p> <p>Planned actions:</p> <p>When carrying out the review of approval conditions of the establishments (so called „passport control“) according to the control plan DVFAs will verify whether the maintenance of the list of establishments in the Internet is up to date.</p> <p>Also the verification whether the approval conditions of the establishments are accurate and the lists of establishments are up to date will be in the scope of internal audits performed by the Department for Audit and Control of the SVFA in DVFAs.</p>
2	To ensure that all relevant risks associated with establishments are taken into account in order to establish an appropriate official control frequency in all cases as required by Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	The minimum frequency of official controls carried out by OV of DVFAs in establishments at all steps of production, processing and distribution is determined in the MANCP and thereafter it is determined in individual annual control plans of individual DVFAs. Controls are in practice carried out more frequently (ad hoc controls, additional controls, controls at the place of destination, consumer compliances, etc.). These controls are non-announced controls. Besides these controls the approval of establishments is kept under review when

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		<p>carrying out official controls by comprehensive assessment of all relevant requirements of food law once per year. Official controls are carried out in all types of establishments at a high frequency; they are regular and proportionate to the risk. Frequency of controls is appropriate and fulfills in all cases all requirements as it is described in the Regulation (EC) 882/2004 Article 3 paragraph 1. to achieve the objectives of this regulation. No deficiencies in fulfilling of plan of controls were found during the audit.</p> <p>The SVFA SR will elaborate the instruction the subject of which will be the establishment of the appropriate frequency of official controls for establishments in individual sectors in such a way that all the relevant requirements of Article 3 paragraph 1 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 will be taken into account. Date: 30.6.2015</p>
3	<p>To improve the efficiency and the documentation of official controls in order to better detect the non-compliances of the individual establishments with the legal requirements so as to achieve the objectives of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.</p>	<p>Actions already taken:animal origin) and where the course and findings of the FVO audit DG (SANCO)/2012-6366 were analysed.</p> <p>The working meeting of the Department of Audit and Control took place on 3.4-4.4.2013 the participants of which were the representatives from the Departments for hygiene of animal origin and where the findings and deficiencies presented in the draft FVO report DG(SANCO)/2012-6366 were analysed.</p> <p>Training combined with working meeting took place on 20.-22. February 2013 the participants of which were the representatives of the SVFA and DVFAs (heads of Departments for food hygiene and official controls and the heads of Units for food hygiene and official controls for products of</p> <p><i>We are submitting the reworded and supplemented wording of the action plan:</i></p>

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		<p>In the days 20-22 February 2013 the course, findings and recommendations of audit FVO 2012 DG (SANCO)/2012-6366 were analysed in detail at the working meeting of representatives of the SVFA SR with the representatives of the local DVFA with the total number of 104 participants from all levels so that the cases of non-compliance with the requirements are better detected, recorded and documented. At this working meeting for the local level took part also the respective heads of departments and heads of divisions of DVFA (local level) who are obliged to submit the obtained information and adopted measures at regular working meetings at the local level to their subordinated staff – DVFA inspectors.</p> <p>The course and findings of the audit FVO 2012 DG (SANCO)/2012-6366 including recommendations were also included into the programme of trainings in individual sectors of the National programme of training in which official veterinarians of DVFA performing official control take part. In the year 2013 the following trainings were already performed: 13.-14.3.2013 – meat of domestic ungulates (number of participants 82); 21.-22.3. 2013 – milk – special sheep farm establishments “salaše“ (number of participants 62); 28.5.2013 – wild game meat (number of participants 82). The plan is to organize the training in the sector of meat products on 19.-20.9. 2013 with ca 80 participants and the training in the milk sector in October 2013.</p> <p>Moreover, on 4.4.2013 at the working meeting of the Department of Audit and Control of the SVFA SR (performs internal audits of local competent authorities - DVFAs), the representatives of the Department of Hygiene of Products of Animal Origin performed the analysis of findings and deficiencies including recommendations presented in the proposal of the report from audit FVO DG(SANCO)/2012-6366, so that they apply upon the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the execution and effectiveness of official controls.</p>
4	To ensure that water sampling and chemical analysis is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive	<p>Actions already taken: The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic (MARD) organized on 9.2.2013 the working meeting regarding the problems of potable water</p>

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	98/83/EC.	<p>sampling and chemical analyses with the aim of possibilities to access to the test results. The participants were the representatives of MARD SR, Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (PHA SR) and the SVFA SR. According to this working meeting the MARD SR asked the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (ME SR) and the Chief Medical Officer (PHA) for cooperation:</p> <p>The MARD SR asked the ME SR, the competent authority in the frame of public water supply system for the results from control of quality parameters of potable water supplied by the water system to the food producing establishments and for setting the possibilities of access to results of complete analyses and minimum analyses for competent authorities - the SVFA SR and DVFA's (letter No.10167/2013 from 8.4.2013).</p> <p>The MARD SR asked the Chief Medical Officer (PHA SR) that PHA SR gives increasing attention to all chemical parameters within annual monitoring plans of quality of potable water as well as to results which PHA SR has available (letter No.8190/2013 from 20.3.2013)</p> <p>Further performed actions: On 21.8.2013 the working meeting between the representatives of the MARD SR and the SVFA SR on one side and the representatives of the Ministry of Environment SR and the Water Research Institute on the other side, the subject of which was the further procedure of the SR upon the elaboration of the action plan in respect of this FVO recommendation.</p> <p>Based on the working meeting, the MARD SR in the letter No 23701/2013 of 26.8.2013 asked 3 agricultural and food chambers and 20 respective associations to inform their members – food business operators on the possibility to ask the supplier of potable water from the public water supply system</p>

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		<p>within supplier-customer relations for the submission of individual results of the complete analysis of potable water indicators according to Directive 98/83/EC. The MARD SR in the letter No 23641/2013 of 26.8.2013 asked also the Association of Water Companies for an assistance and providing the information to the owners or operators of public water supply to go towards to the food business operators and to send them individual results of the complete analysis of potable water quality in case the FBO will ask for these analyses.</p> <p>The SVFA SR drew the attention of the locally competent authorities DVFA (Instruction No 3055/2013-330) to focus upon the veterinary controls in approved establishments within the verification of approval of establishments on the control of potable water from the side of food business operators, concretely whether the taking of water samples and the chemical analysis are performed in compliance with the Ordinance of the Government SR No 354/2006 Coll. in wording of Ordinance of the Government SR No 496/2010 Coll. (i.e. according to the national legislation into which the Council Directive 98/83/EC is transposed).</p>
5	<p>To ensure that identification marking complies with the requirements of Article 5 and Annex II, Section I of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and the verification of compliance with these requirements is carried out as foreseen by Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.</p>	<p>Actions already taken: Training combined with working meeting took place on 20.-22. February 2013 the participants of which were the representatives of the SVFA and DVFAs (heads of Departments for food hygiene and official controls and the heads of Units for food hygiene and official controls for products of animal origin) and where the course and findings of the FVO audit DG (SANCO)/2012-6366 were analysed.</p> <p>Planned action: DVFAs during the performing regular official controls will focus on controls of identification markings.</p>