Action Plan received from CA on 19 July 2013

Response of the Competent Authorities of Serbia to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6763-MR of an audit carried out from 15 to 19 April 2013 in order to evaluate the control of residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products including controls on veterinary medicinal products

	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	Ensure that scope of testing carried out under the RMP includes all relevant substances in line with the range of veterinary medicinal products on the market taking into account the requirements of Article 7 of Council Directive 96/23/EC, that the correct marker residues are analysed for and that the scope of testing in substance groups A3, A4 and A5 is broadened.	Based on the updated list of authorized drugs and veterinary medicinal products present on the market, the National Residue Monitoring Plan (NRMP) for 2013 will be amended with a broadened list of substances groups A3, A4 and A5, including the analytical methodsdeveloped or updated for the following substances: megestrol acetate, melengestrol acetate , trenbolone and methyltestosterone (A3), taleranol, zearalanone, α and β zearalenol (A4), cimbuterol, brombuterol, mabuterol and ractopamin (A5), clavulanic acid and bacitracin (B1), prednisolone (B2f), hydroxyflunixin (milk), carprofen, metamizole and oxyphenbutazone (B2e).
2	Ensure that all milk samples taken under the RMP are directly traceable to the farm of origin (i.e. taken from farms or at dairy plants from non-blended milk), as intended by Chapter 1, point 1.A of the Annex to Commission Decision 97/747/EC, in order to facilitate detection of residue violations.	Based on the weekly sampling orders, part of the planned milk samples, taken under the NRMP, are directly sampled at the farm of origin, while the other part of samples are still sampled at the dairy plants from non-blended milk (one truck or one thank - one farm), or at dairy plants from blended milk from several farms ensuring that pooled sample is traceable to all farms/each farm of origin of the milk. However, the CA will directed more samples to farm level, in order to avoid the possibility of dilution of milk and to ensure the intention of Chapter 1, point 1. A of the Annex to Commission Decision 97/747/EC. New, amended Instruction for sampling is in drafting process. It will cover more preciselly requirements as intended by Chapter 1, point 1. A of the Annex to Commission Decision 97/747/EC, in order to facilitate detection of residue violations. New Instruction will be in force in October 2013. Training of 25 District and 7 Veterinary Officers from Central level was delivered on 17.07.2013. and sampling of raw milk in line with intention of Chapter 1, point 1. A of the Annex to Commission Decision 97/747/EC was on the agenda.
3	Ensure that the follow-up of non-compliant results is effective as required by the relevant requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC.	Instruction for sampling (No. 323-07-01577/2010-05, from 6 April 2010) will be updated with detail provisions on obligations of all level of competent authority, in order to find the source of residues and to apply effective measures. Specific details in investigation actions will be presented and discussed during the training courses with the Local Veterinary Inspectors and inspectors from Unit for veterinary drugs at Central level in October 2013.
4	Ensure that all analytical methods used under the RMP for monitoring residues of veterinary medicinal products are validated to a standard equivalent to Article 3 of Commission Decision 2002/657/EC and are fit for purpose.	Until the adoption of appropriate national legislation corresponding with Commission Decision 2002/657/EC, Institute of meat hygiene and technology will revise its Standard Operation Procedures for validation with all relevant elements required by Decision 2002/657/EC in order to meet clearly defined analytical parameters. Process of (re)validation will continue and will include all required parameters.
5	Ensure that the implementation and official controls of national requirements relating to the prescription and application of veterinary medicinal products to food producing animals provide guarantees equivalent to those provided for by Article 10 of Directive 96/23/EC i.e. that farmers receive and keep (completed) veterinary prescriptions in line with national legislation and that the checklist for official controls is sufficiently detailed in this regard.	The Instruction on the manner of prescription and application of veterinary medicinal products to food producing animals, which gives detailed check-lists instructions to the veterinary inspectors about the procedure of official control of VMP wholesale and retail establishments and implementation of corrective measures, including the content and data filled in the form of prescriptions is prepared. According to this Instruction, veterinary inspector controls the issued/filled prescriptions in accordance to the national regulations. Draft of new Rulebook on shape and manner of prescribing the veterinary prescriptions in line with national legislation, which comprises the EU provisions is in legal procedure. The both documents, Instruction and Rulebook are expecting to be adopted in September/October 2013.
6	Ensure that equidae exported to the EU for direct slaughter are not derived from animals treated with pharmacologically active substances not listed in Table 1 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 37/2010 or in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1950/2006 and that withdrawal periods have been respected for treated animals i.e. ensure that a system of identification, traceability and treatment records is implemented in order to	Development and fully implementation of central IT database for identification and registration of equidae for slaughter and issuance of identification document for equine intended for slaughter, fully in line with EU criteria, are planned for end of 2014. year. to the complete establishing and implementation of a unified IT database for the identification and registration of horses for slaughter, as well as the system for issuing ID documents of horses for slaughter to the records of treatment throughout life, equivalent to Regulation (EC) No. 504/2008, for the purpose to ensure the withdrawal period, in line with Regulation (EC) No. 1950/2006, horses intended for slaughter for export to the EU, must be from EU approved facilities (farms) for the export of horses for slaughter, under the supervision of veterinary inspection, at least six

	provides guarantees at least equivalent to those provided by Regulation (EC) No. 504/2008.	months a prior to export. Establish a system to identify and document ID horses for slaughter, fully in line with EU requests, is planned for the end of 2014. Development and full implementation of central IT database for identification and registration of equidae for slaughter and issuance of identification document for equine intended for slaughter, fully in line with EU criteria, are planned for the end of 2014.