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Response of the Competent Authorities of Slovenia to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6768-MR of an audit carried out from 17 to 21 June 2013 in order to evaluate the control of residues and contaminants in live animals and animal products

N°.	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	Ensure effective and efficient coordination and cooperation between different competent authorities as required by Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 to allow that official controls in slaughterhouses are carried out on a risk basis (taking account of information which might indicate non-compliance), as required by Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and point 2.3.3.1. of Commission Decision 98/179/EC in order to comply with requirements laid down in Article 24 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.	Immediate tracing of results of laboratory analyses and subsequent use of information in targeted sampling within the NRCP (National Residue Control Programme) has been facilitated by upgrading the relevant IT software. Likewise, in 2014, *Compulsory instructions on the implementation of residue monitoring programme* will comprise written instructions on the transfer of information on results obtained from samples which had been taken on the basis of reasonable suspicion, so as to improve the targeted sampling and preparation of NRCP.
2	Ensure that the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the RMP carry out internal audits or have external audits carried out as required by Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.	The Internal Audit Office, carrying out the auditing in compliance with Article 4 (6) of Regulation 882/2004 and operating within AFSVSPP, will reincorporate residue monitoring areas into its audit programme of 2015, and the audit programme is to be approved by AFSVSPP Director General.
3	Ensure that the National Reference Laboratory fulfills all functions as laid down in Article 14 of Council Directive 96/23/EC also with regard to coordinating the work of the subcontracted laboratories.	Based on non-compliances found, NRL will supplement its existing agreement with the subcontracting laboratory, and AFSVSPP will check within its official controls the compliance of NRLs with conditions as laid down in Article 14 of Council Directive 96/23/EC.
4	Ensure that analytical methods for residues of pharmacologically active substances and certain contaminants are validated in accordance with the requirements laid down in Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Commission Decision 2002/657/EC.	Designated laboratories will continue the validation of methods according to Commission Decision 2002/657/EC. The validation, including all the missing screening methods, is envisaged to be completed by the end of 2014.

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		Notwithstanding the above, confirmatory tests on all samples are to be carried out in accredited laboratories using methods validated according to Commission Decision 2002/657/EC.
5	Ensure that measures are taken to guarantee analyte stability and sample integrity of RMP samples, paying specific attention to temperature, as required in point 2.9 of the Annex to Commission Decision 98/179/EC.	Through modification of sample transport procedures within the NRCP, the cold chain (analyte stability and sample integrity of RMP samples) and temperature regime recording during transport of samples to the laboratory will be guaranteed in 2014.