

Response of the Competent Authorities of Serbia to the recommendations of Report ref. DG(SANCO)/2013-6741-MR of an audit carried out from 4 to 13 June 2013 in order to evaluate the control Animal by products system

	Recommendation	Comment by the Competent Authority	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	To ensure that official controls at slaughterhouses provide reliable guarantees that only the materials listed in the health certificates laid down by Chapters 1 and 3(A and B) of Annex XV to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are used for the manufacture of processed animal protein and pet food exported to the EU.	<p>During the audit, incompliance regarding marking of SRM with proper dyes in ABP establishments was noticed by FVO team.</p> <p>During the visit to the processing plant approved for Cat. 3 materials it was not noticed any incompliance related to requirements for export of PrPs and/or pet food to the EU.</p> <p>The FVO team confirmed on the closing meeting that processed animal protein produced from poultry fulfilled the provisions stipulated in the EU relevant legislation and provided reliable guarantees for export to the EU. It should be mentioned that only PAPs originated from poultry ABPs was exported to the EU.</p> <p>According to the additional rules for approval of pet food establishments for export to the EU, only processed animal protein imported from EU or processed in processing plant approved for export to the EU could be used in production of pet food.</p>	<p>During the audit, as implementing measure, Department for Veterinary Inspection within the Veterinary Directorate, issued Instruction for District veterinary inspectors, No: Official/2013-05 from 07.06.2013 on marking of SRM with proper dyes.</p> <p>That was presented to FVO team during the mission.</p>
2	Ensure that the health certificates for processed animal protein and pet food laid down by Chapters 1 and 3(A and B) of Annex XV to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are issued availing of evidence that the consignments have been analysed for the relevant microbiological parameters as stipulated in the certificates.	<p>The microbiological parameters are established in the Serbian Rulebook on way of classification and handling of animal by-products, veterinary-sanitary conditions for construction of facilities for collection, processing and destroying of animal by-products, manner of implementation of official control and self-control, and conditions for cattle graveyards and pit graves (Official Gazette of RS, No. 31/11), which is in line with Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.</p> <p>The Competent Authority recognized the unequal implementation of microbiological criteria within different establishments.</p>	<p>In aim to enhance the equivalent approach regarding implementation of parameters, the Veterinary Directorate will organize trainings for Heads of District who will be obliged to transfer knowledge to local veterinary inspectors.</p> <p>In addition, Heads of District will supervise the implementation of microbiological criteria in establishments prescribed in Serbian Rulebook No. 31/11.</p>