

Competent Authority comments received, 10 June 2014

Section 5.2.3.1 *Planning of Official Controls on Contaminants*

Page 7 under *Findings* it is written that the audit team noted:

- Foodstuffs are not sampled for 3-MCPD and melamine analyses. In the course of the audit, VFB presented the 2014 sampling plan **which includes these substances.**

VFB presented 2014 sampling plan, where samples for analyses of 3-MCPD were included, but there are no samples planned for melamine analyses in food for 2014.

Section 5.2.10 *Verification Procedures*

Page 17 under *Findings* it is written that:

- All CVC inspectors performing official food controls are evaluated every three years by the Food Directorate of VFB. This assessment comprises the evaluation of the inspectors' professional skills through documentary checks and **does not include evaluation of their performance during joint inspections.**

The evaluation procedure of inspectors' professional skills does include the evaluation of their performance in carrying out control activities in a food processing establishment. At least one food processing establishment will be visited together during the evaluation of inspector's work. The evaluation check-list comprises of two parts: first part is for documentary checks and the second part is for evaluating inspector's performance during a real life establishment inspection.

Section 5.2.6 *Laboratory Performance*

Page 13 under *Findings* is written:

- **Tallinn** department of VFL is the NRL for heavy metals in food.

Correct is: **Tartu** department of VFL is the NRL for heavy metals in food.

Findings (p.12.)

- HB laboratory in Tartu is the NRL for PCBs, **dioxins** and PAHs in FNAO

Comment: HB Tartu Laboratory is not a reference laboratory for dioxins.

HB Laboratory in Tartu (p.13.)

Comment on reporting of recovery:

Recovery and measurement uncertainty have been reported in test protocols when it was significant for the interpretation of the results. For the results far below MRL the data have not been added up to the time of audit. Proposed action is under p.5 in the table of recommendations.

Conclusions (p.14)

Comment: Method of analysis of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1, G2 in baby food is accredited and validated in HB laboratory in Tartu.