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within Slaughter Plants

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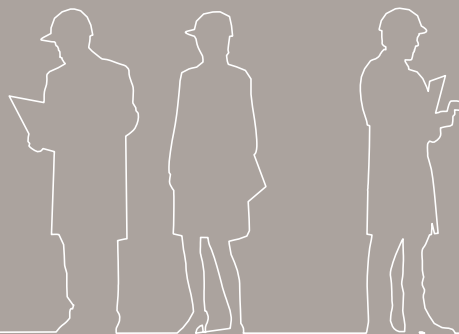


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This corrective action plan describes audit findings requiring corrective action, documents responsibility for addressing the findings, and describes progress on the closeout of actions.

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Official agency: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Veterinary Public Health Inspection System

Date of audit: June 2017 to September 2017

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						Open	Closed (include date closed out)
1.	4.1.-4.2	The serious deficiencies identified during the audit relating to the acceptance, identification and traceability of sheep and sheep meat result in significant numbers of sheep that are not traceable to their farm of origin.	The electronic identification (EID) of sheep, which comes into effect on 1 October 2018, will remedy these findings.	1st of June 2019	From the 1 st of June 2019 there will be 100% reading of all EID tags for ovines presented for slaughter. This is now normal procedure 100% reading of all sheep presented for slaughter. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)		Closed (since 1 st June 2019)

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2.	4.1.3	There are no checks carried out by the Veterinary Inspector I at plant level on the accuracy or validity of the information on the dispatch documents.	The Temporary Veterinary Inspectors and Technical Agricultural Officers – working under the authority of the DAFM Veterinary Inspector I – carry out checks in a lairage on the correlation of the information on the dispatch dockets with the relevant sheep. If discrepancies are detected (e.g. health of the sheep may be in question) which cannot be resolved by the Technical Agriculture Officer or temporary veterinary Inspector the matter is referred to the Veterinary inspector I for follow-up action.	1 st June 2019	From the 1 st of June the TVI will be able to correlate/cross check each ovine presented for slaughter (i.e. using its EID tag) against the listing of animals on dispatch documents. This is now normal procedure 100% reading of all sheep presented for slaughter. EID scanners have been supplied to all sheep plants. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)		Closed (1.6.19)

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3.	4.1.3	There is duplication and overlap of documented procedures, resulting in forms being used inconsistently, or in instructions in standard operating procedures not being followed.	<p>Re-issue the SOP in conjunction with the Clean Livestock Policy.</p> <p>The consistency of approach has been discussed with Regional Senior Veterinary inspectors On the (28th Feb 2018) and additional training has been provided (October 2018).</p>	28 February 2018	<p>VPN 5/2017 has been issued: 'Implementation of the Clean Livestock Policy for Sheep at DAFM supervised Sheep Slaughter Plants' has been issued and should be read in conjunction with VPN 13/2016 (Carcase Hygiene Strategy) and VPN10/2017 (Evaluation of Carcase Dressing). VPN 2/2018 'Verification of FBO recording of CLP Category B and Category C sheep on AIM has been issued. Additional Training: These new procedures were discussed with all Meat Plant Vis and Technical staff in October 2018. The Corresponding Trader Notices: MH 20/2017 and MH 3/2018 have also been issued to FBOs. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)</p>		Closed (28.2.18)

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4.	4.1.3	The food business operator must have in place its own SOPs, which will allow any carcass chosen for residue sampling to be linked to the flock of birth of the animal from which the carcass derives. This was not the case in one establishment audited.	The SOP of the establishment has been corrected, so as to ensure that the flock of birth can be traced.	31 December 2017	This finding has been closed out with a correction of the SOP. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)		Closed (31.12.17)
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5.	4.1.5	Ongoing non-compliances with the sheep identification system – such as illegible, incomplete or inaccurate dispatch documents and untagged sheep entering the slaughter hall – are seen by the DAFM and the food business operators to be an inevitable consequence of the weaknesses of the National Sheep Identification System , and are not recorded as non-compliances.	The introduction of Electronic Identification of sheep, which comes into effect on 1 October 2018, will eliminate this non-compliance. Meanwhile, the relevant SOP will be amended, in order to ensure that traceability deficiencies will be recorded as non-compliances.	June 2019	This non-conformance will be closed when EID comes into effect. From the 1st of June 2019 there will be 100% reading of all EID tags for ovines presented for slaughter with full traceability possible. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19) This relates to SOP 2 of 2015. (Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)		Closed (1.6.19)

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6.	4.1.6	A consistent approach to verify the effectiveness of official controls was not applied in the regions audited.	The consistency of approach will be discussed with RSVIs on the 28 February 2018.	28 February 2018	<p>The consistency of approach was discussed with RSVIs on the 28 February 2018.</p> <p>The following audit form FRM_SVI VetSL is used to verify official controls at meat establishments including verification of their consistency and effectiveness. Form FRM_SVI VetSL, was introduced on the 1.2.19</p> <p>(Confirmation by DAFM 4.11.19)</p>		Closed (1.2.2019)



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