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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 close-out of actions.

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Official Agency: Meath Co Council

Date of Audit: November, 2012

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	To be completed by the FSAI		To be completed by the agency		To be completed by the agency & the FSAI through Service Contract Liaison process		
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1	4.1.4	Section 9 of SOP A3 requires that the local authority must maintain a dedicated "On Farm Emergency Slaughter" file. At the time of the audit, no dedicated file was maintained by Meath Co. Council.	Since Quarter 1 of 2013, Meath Co. Council has in place a dedicated file for all returns/ correspondence relating to "On Farm Emergency Slaughter".	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed
2	4.2	The current revision of the SOP Emergency Slaughtered Animals is a direct transcription from the Annex 3 Chapter 4 of Regulation 853/2004. It does not describe the actual practices in place in the food business operation to deal with on farm emergency slaughtered animals.	The SOP has been amended to reflect existing practices rather than the previous generic transcription from legislation.	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed

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3	4.2	Records were not available to confirm consultation had taken place in all cases between the private veterinary practitioner and the temporary veterinary inspector prior to on farm emergency slaughter, as required by Section 7.3 of the local authority veterinary service SOP A.3. In addition, Section 4 of the SOP Emergency Slaughtered Animals states that, prior to emergency slaughter, the food business operator must contact the temporary veterinary inspector in charge. This is not happening in practice.	Private veterinary practitioners are now consulting with the temporary veterinary inspector as required by Section 7.3 of the local authority veterinary service SOP A3. In addition, the food business operator is also contacting the temporary veterinary inspector to advise him of the arrival of such animals.	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed

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4	4.2	Food chain information was not available for all animals which had been dressed following on farm emergency slaughter. The details of which were assessed by the audit team.	The intake procedure has been reviewed to emphasise the importance of food chain information. This will be monitored as part of ongoing official controls.	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed

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5	4.2	Procedures for boning out carcasses dressed following on farm emergency slaughter have not been adequately documented in the food business operator's food safety management system.	Following a HACCP review by the food business operator, the carcass bone out and labelling procedures have been strengthened to ensure "On Farm Emergency Slaughter" requirements are complied with.	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed

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6	4.2	Boxes of meat had a label with the oval identification mark attached to them (which contained a large “E” to indicate that the meat was from an on farm emergency slaughtered animal) rather than a label with a diamond shaped identification mark which is required by legislation.	All meat leaving this food premises which originated from “On Farm Emergency Slaughter” now has a diamond shaped health mark/label as specified in legislative requirements.	Quarter 1, 2013			Closed



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