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Dear college,

Subject: **Israeli audit to food animal origin establishments in Hungary.**

Please accept my apology for my belated response.

We extend our appreciation to the Veterinary Service of Hungary, for your appointment as the contact person with the Israeli Veterinary Services.

I hereby summarize the findings of our visit, from 03/11/2014 till 11/07/2014, and my comments to your corrective actions, which you can find them in our web site.

The visit included:

CCA meeting - At the initial meeting, the CCA presented the regulations and standards governing the activities of the inspection system at all levels. Furthermore, we discussed matters concerning the veterinary inspection and epidemiological situation regarding the outbreak of BT.

LCA:

Three slaughterhouses were inspected:

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The observations listed below, are detailed according to their characteristics and into the control programs, without any reference to companies or veterinarians. The details were reported into the web program of our service.



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HACCP- programs

1. Risk analysis / HACCP programs - not all factors were included (physical, chemical, microbiological). In addition, PRP and corrective actions (CA) are not mentioned only preventive actions.
2. Fecal contamination - CCP zero tolerance. No observations were reported regarding the matter and also absence corrective action. However, there are three observations of minor findings, for example dripping of engine oil.
3. Training program - Training documents were not included in the annual program. There is no annual program of training

SSOP

4. SSOP monitoring forms - the monitoring hour (before\during the process) is not mentioned. In addition, the forms are lacking records of corrective actions.
5. No data of monitoring in SSOP.
6. SSOP: "Ready to use boxes" (plastic equipment) were found unclean, with fat residues.

PROCESS

7. Evisceration room: during the production process, some carcasses were found with contamination signs. The monitoring form (CCP contamination carcasses) lacks records of these findings. PM station - missing "mirror ". The carcasses weren't fully properly inspected. Furthermore, the veterinary inspector was working, at the same time, in manufacturing operations.
8. Cooling room: some of the carcasses were found with contamination signs. The monitoring form (CCP contamination carcasses) lacks records of these findings. In addition, the filed for inspection records for each carcasses (number) is missing. The filed deals with groups of carcasses and not individual carcasses.
9. Viscera treatment: during evisceration of carcasses, working personal, pass manually organs from one to another. This fact generates cross-contamination of other edible parts.
10. Evisceration: in all cases we observed, that during the closing of the esophagus, the separator instrument touched the animal skin. This finding generates cross-contamination of the carcasses.

SPS-SOP-GMP-PRP

11. Condensation & Leaking: Condensations were found in freezing room.
12. Cutting room: Sterilizers & sterilization were deficient.
13. Equipment used for inedible material was not marked properly.



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14. Plucking process needs to be improved, breast goose pieces were found with feathers.
15. Construction: The floor of the evisceration room was with holes. Signs of rust were found on the cooling rooms doors.
16. Water supply program: A list of monitoring places is missing. Lacking description of corrective actions in case of water contamination detection.
17. At the cutting room – instead of sterilization using hot water-82 degrees, chemical substance (with peroxide component) was used - lacking complete validation document.
18. Equipment & utensils carcass cutting room: lacking sterilization equipment.

ANIMAL WELFARE

19. Welfare - program implementation: it doesn't mention who is responsible of the implementation of the welfare program including the monitoring, and if the monitoring is done during process of slaughtering, there are no specific documents for that.

VETERINARY INSPECTION

1. HACCP Verification documentation: Absence of important documents and records of the methods of self-control by veterinary doctors HACCP; SSOP; SPS. According to the statement by veterinary colleagues these methods, are in preparation. There is no any form of official follow up of corrective actions.
2. Absence of any corrective action, referring to fecal contamination CCP zero tolerance. But there are (3) three observations of minor issues (for example dripping of engine oil).
3. NC writing: There is a classic form for noncompliance with the correct place to respond corrective actions. The form has never been used by the veterinary inspection.
4. Staff training: Absence of any certification of capacitation, on training animal welfare at veterinary inspection.
5. Local Authority NC: Missing NC (noncompliance) by veterinary inspector. Last NC was noted on 29.4.14.



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6. HACCP Programs: The veterinarian fails to present any documentation for the control and monitoring of HACCP-SSOP-SPS programs, animal welfare & Pathogen Reduction.
7. Local Authority NC: The official vet has no record of nonconformities (NC) and follow up of corrective action.

CONCLUSIONS

- a. The CCA has responded in detail the corrective actions to each observation on our website.
- b. Please send by e-mail an implementation schedules for each of the corrective actions.
- c. The implementation of the corrective actions will be evaluated by our auditors on our next visit to Hungary.
- d. Regarding the validation referred to knives disinfectant observation, please provide the auditors with specific validation data. Our auditors will evaluate the data.
- e. According to this assessment, [REDACTED] will continue to export to Israel goose products and byproducts.
- f. The remaining two establishments, [REDACTED] are not approved for the export to Israel. The IVSAH will audit again, on a future visit, these plants.

Please note that, The IVSAH did not yet granted the Hungarian CCA the possibility to use the pre-listing method of commercial establishments for Israel. Once the IVSAH will approve the pre listing system in Hungary we will detail the specific instructions for this method.

I want to thank the hospitality and collaboration of our colleagues in the Veterinary Services of Hungary, who actively participated, enabling this audit.



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