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Subject: Special report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that
joined the EU since 2004"
- *Council conclusions*

Delegations will find attached, in the Annex, the Council conclusions on the above subject as adopted on 18 December 2012.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

**on Special report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that joined the EU
since 2004"**

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- (1) WELCOMES Special Report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that joined the EU since 2004";
- (2) WELCOMES the Court's conclusion that overall the design of systems for supervision of hygiene requirements by the commission and the competent authorities in the newly acceding Member States was adequate; NOTES that regarding both the implementation of Member states' veterinary controls, and the implementation of hygiene and food safety requirements by the Food Business Operators, there were suitable procedures in place to comply with the requirements;
- (3) UNDERLINES that any weaknesses found do not individually or collectively call into question the overall design of the systems to ensure that hygiene requirements are applied; CONSIDERS that the Commission has an effective system for detecting weaknesses in Member States food and feed controls;
- (4) RECALLS that on 17 October 2011, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD)¹, which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies;
- (5) CONSIDERS, in this context, that the Court's recommendations with regard to the selection and evaluation of projects could be taken into account in the proceedings on the above proposal.

¹ 15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)