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SENASA (RCA)



- The regional veterinarians do not have written standard checklists according to all of the requirements for auditing establishments and official controls in the establishments.
- Several of the regional veterinarians audit subjects randomly according to their desire and not according to a written procedure by SENASA.
- Without the audit checklist it is difficult to determine what was actually audited and to what detail.
- Noncompliances are written according to what they discovered but there is no record of what was actually audited or not.



SENASA (RCA)



- It was evident during the audit that some of the regional veterinarians are sufficiently knowledgeable in the general food safety requirements, much less the specific requirements for Israel.
- It is therefore difficult to rely on their audits to ensure that the establishments are abiding by the Israeli requirements.
- A difference was evident between the regional veterinarians in the metropolitan area of SENASA and within different areas that were audited.



SENASA (CCA)



- Throughout the audit it was not evident that the central competent authority has full control over the establishments and the chain of official controls.
- There were different methods of inspection and in particular levels of knowledge and implementation of official controls both within and without different regions of SENASA.
- Several of the regional veterinarians were replaced without control of the central competent authority and they did not demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the general requirements and specific requirements of Israel.



SENASA (CCA)



- There are no checklists for most of the subjects to be audited.
- Despite the fact that the central competent authority issues procedure sheets, a considerable number of official veterinarians at the regional and establishment level do not work in accordance with said procedures.
- In specific there is no documentation of noncompliances.



SENASA (CCA)



- There were several general recurring deficiencies in the establishments, regarding the equipment for koshering, fecal contamination on the carcasses and offal.
- The HACCP plans are not written correctly, the risk assessments are not logical, there is a lack of supporting documentation and in all of the establishments there is a severe lack of validations to support their conclusions.
- All of the food safety plans in all of the establishments are identical (CCP). It is therefore evident that there is a lack of knowledge in writing food safety plans.



CONCLUSIONS



- During the central competent authority audit, we came to understand that there is very loose central control over the regional official veterinarians.
- The central competent authority has almost no influence in the power to choose and set requirements from official veterinarians further down the line.
- If it becomes evident that a regional or establishment veterinarian is not performing according to their requirements, it is very difficult for them to ensure that the noncompliant veterinarians correct their actions.
- This causes a disconnection from the central competent authority and leads to a lack of uniformity between official controls as evidenced during the audit.



CONCLUSIONS



- In each region there is a manager for food safety but that person is not under the person responsible for food safety centrally and does not audit the establishments approved to export to Israel.
- Therefore, events similar to what occurred with establishment ECOCARNES (TIF 1918) are likely to occur again because SENASA did not change their method of official controls for establishments exporting to Israel.
- We recognize that there has been a change in staffing in SENASA and we look forward to seeing their plan of action to prevent the noncompliances there were seen during the audit.

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Thank you