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Study tour to Austria on flexibility provisions in food safety for traditional products and small producers

Improving Food Quality & Safety Standards in Montenegro's Meat Sector

22-25 February 2016

In collaboration with the Veterinary Administration of the Austrian
Provincial Governments of Styria and Burgenland

Introduction

With an aim to improving food quality and safety in Montenegro's meat sector and promoting an exchange of know-how between Montenegro and a model EU country such as Austria, a study tour is being organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in collaboration with the Veterinary Administration of the Provincial Governments of Styria and Burgenland.

Indeed, from 22 to 25 February 2016, a delegation composed of representatives of the Montenegrin Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Veterinary Directorate as well as farms and processing facilities will travel to Graz and Eisenstadt to learn from the Austrian experience by focusing on the implementation and control of the flexibility rules and derogations.

The main purpose is to acquaint participants with the Austrian legislative framework and guidelines including registration and approval procedures for small establishments, the flexibility provisions for traditional methods and foods with a traditional character, as well as inspections in the framework of flexibility through discussions with the competent authorities at the central and regional levels.

Moreover, the delegation will examine the role of the farmers associations, will discuss the setting up of derogations and flexibility provisions for small establishments and traditional methods and products, and will visit a number of approved slaughterhouses, some of which include on-farm marketing facilities. The structure and implementation of inspections will also be examined.

This capacity building activity is part of a larger project organized under the FAO/EBRD cooperation agreement, which seeks to contribute to the development of a more efficient and inclusive meat value chain in Montenegro as well as to the achievement of FAO's Strategic Objective 4: Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems.

Daily Schedule Overview

Sunday, 21 February

- 13:50 Meeting at airport in Podgorica
- 15:50 Departure to Ljubljana
- 19:30 Arrival at Hotel Best Western Amedia
Conrad-von-Hötzendorf-Straße 60, 8010 Graz, Austria and free time in Graz
- 21:45 Meeting with FAO staff at the Hotel

Monday, 22 February

- 7:00 Breakfast at the Hotel
- 7:45 Transfer to the Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung
Friedrichgasse 9, Graz
- 8:00 Visit to the Styrian Provincial Government, Department of Health and Care Management, Veterinary Directorate
Meeting with Dr Peter WAGNER (Head of Veterinary Administration in the Provincial Government of Styria) and Dr Harald FOETSCHL (Deputy Head)
With focus on:
 - | the Styrian Veterinary Administration;
 - | flexibility in the framework of EU-legislation
 - | flexibility measures implemented in Austria
 - | the situation of small slaughterhouses in Styria;
 - | electronic system for recording the results of meat inspections; and
 - | meat inspection fees and accounting system for small scale slaughterhouses.
- 11:50 Walk to the Gösser Bräu Graz Restaurant
Neutorgasse 48, 8010 Graz
- 12:00 Lunch at the Gösser Bräu Graz Restaurant
- 13:15 Transfer to the Bezirkshauptmannschaft Graz-Umgebung, Veterinary Unit
Bahnhofgürtel 85, 8020 Graz

- 13:30 Visit to the Office of District authority of Graz-Umgebung District Meeting with Dr Peter GUMBSCH (Veterinarian) and Dr Peter PLESS (Head of Trichinella Lab)
- With focus on:
- | Trichinella testing in small slaughterhouses
 - | the organization of meat inspections in small slaughterhouses;
 - | the official controls in small slaughterhouses;
 - | verification of official controls; and
 - | supervision of official veterinarians performing meat inspection and hygiene controls in small slaughterhouses.
- 16:30 Transfer to the Hotel
- 17:00 Arrival at the Hotel Best Western Amedia
Conrad-von-Hötzendorf-Straße 60, 8010 Graz, Austria and free time in Graz

Tuesday, 23 February

- 7:00 Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:00 Transfer to KONRAD CATERING GMBH
Kainachstraße 55, 8501 Lieboch
- 8:30 Visit to the Konrad Catering GmbH
Meeting with Mr Markus KONRAD (Owner), Dr Peter GUMBSCH (District veterinarian) and Dr Gertrude PESENHOFER (Official veterinarian performing meat inspections)
- With focus on:
- | the implementation of meat inspection and hygiene controls in small slaughterhouses;
 - | the “from farm to fork” approach in marketing one’s own products; and
 - | experience with on-farm marketing and catering over the last two generations.
- 10:30 Transfer to ANNA UND ANDREAS GLAWOGGER
Jaritzberg 43, 8113 St. Bartholomä

- 11:00 Visit to Anna und Andreas Glawogger
Meeting with Andreas GLAWOGGER (owner) and his wife Anna
With focus on:
- | direct on farm marketing of beef produced in a small slaughterhouse;
 - | organic farming and direct marketing; and
 - | official controls in small meat establishments.
- 12:00 Transfer to Restaurant GASTHOF DORRER
Steinbergstraße 41, 8052 Graz
- 12:30 Lunch at GASTHOF DORRER
- 13:30 Transfer to ANDREAS HAMMER Mantscha 2, 8054 Graz-Strassgang
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- 14:00 Visit to and meeting with Andreas Hammer, a small pig slaughterhouse
run as a family business for more than 60 years
With focus on:
- | direct marketing of pork meat;
 - | production on a retail level; and
 - | direct marketing of pig products on a weekly market.
- 16:00 Departure for Eisenstadt, Burgenland
Arrival at the Hotel Burgenland
7000 Eisenstadt, Franz Schubert-Platz 1

Wednesday, 24 February

- 7:30 Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:30 Transfer to Provincial Government of Burgenland
Europaplatz 1, 7000 Eisenstadt

- 9:00 Visit to the Provincial Government of Burgenland, Department of Health, meeting with Dvm Andreas Wunsch (Regional Coordinator for Food Safety in Food of Animal Origin)
- With focus on:
- | presentation and Introduction of participants;
 - | summary of first days, (open) questions arising;
 - | flexibility measures implemented and challenges;
 - | the situation of small slaughterhouses in Burgenland; and
 - | food safety and direct marketing.
- 11:30 Transfer to Restaurant
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Transfer to Leidl Anton
Hauptstraße (Draßmarkt) 37, 7372 Draßmarkt
- 13:30 Visit to the Leidl Anton – a small on-farm ostrich slaughterhouse for farmed game. Meeting with Anton LEIDL (owner), Dr. Yvonne MILLARD (district Veterinarian), DVM Andreas WUNSCH (Regional Coordinator for food Safety in Food of Animal Origin).
- With focus on:
- | on-farm slaughter of ostriches and processing of meat products derived of ostriches;
 - | direct marketing of food stuffs (focussed on meat products); and
 - | regional aspects and challenges.
- 16:00 Transfer to the Hotel
- 16:30 Arrival at the BURGENLAND HOTEL and free time in Eisenstadt
Franz Schubert-Platz 1, 7000 Eisenstadt

Thursday, 25 February

- 7:30 Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:00 Transfer to Herta Schneider
Dorfstraße (Eisenberg an der Pinka) 46, 7474 Deutsch Schützen

- 9:30 Visit to the Herta Schneider, a small commercial poultry slaughterhouse (geese, ducks, chicken)
 Meeting with Herta SCHNEIDER (Owner), DVM Gernot MICHALEK (District veterinarian), DVM Thomas NEUDECKER (Official veterinarian, President of Regional Veterinary Chamber), DVM Andreas WUNSCH (Regional Coordinator for food Safety in Food of Animal Origin)
 With focus on:
- | Poultry slaughter in a small establishment focused on slaughter of geese;
 - | Regional marketing of geese.
- 11:30 Transfer to Restaurant
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Transfer to Bernhard Kroboth
 Krottendorf 24, 7475 Güssing
- 13:30 Visit to the Bernhard Kroboth, a small on-farm slaughterhouse (cattle, pigs, farmed game ducks, chicken)
 Meeting with Claudia and Bernhard KROBOTH (Owners), Dr Astrid BUCHER (District veterinarian), Dr Charlotte KLEMENT (Official veterinarian), DVM Andreas WUNSCH (Regional Coordinator for food Safety in Food of Animal Origin)
 With focus on:
- | on-farm slaughter and processing of meat products from cattle, pigs, farmed and wild game;
 - | direct marketing of food stuffs (focused on meat products); and
 - | regional aspects.
- 16:00 Transfer to the Hotel
- 16:30 Arrival at the BURGENDLAND HOTEL and free time in Eisenstadt
 Franz Schubert-Platz 1, 7000 Eisenstadt

Friday, 26 February

- 9:00-11:00 Breakfast at the Hotel and check-out
- 12:00 Transfer to Ljubljana
- 17:30 Departure for Podgorica

Contacts

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Website:
<http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at/>

District authority of district Graz-
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