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Subject: Reference number: DG(SANCO)/2013-6890
FVO audit in Israel from 24 November 2013 to 05 December 2013 in order to evaluate the operation of controls over raw milk and dairy products intended for human consumption and infant formulae and follow-on formulae (including the supply chain), destined for export to the European Union

Dear Dr Galon,

Following the completion of the above FVO audit, I enclose a copy of the draft report, reference number: DG(SANCO)/2013-6890 - MR Draft.

Any comments that you may wish to make on the factual content, or other elements, of the report should be sent to the Commission within 25 working days of its receipt.

Comments should not be inserted into the text of the draft report but rather should be provided in a separate annex to your reply. [Please note that the FVO cannot publish comments which have been inserted into the text of the draft report.]

You should be aware that your comments will be attached to the final version of the report, when this is made publicly available through the internet. Therefore, I would like to ask you not to identify, either directly or indirectly, individual establishments or operators, as this may hinder publication of your comments. In order to facilitate the presentation of your comments, a copy of the annex, containing your comments, should be sent by e-mail to: Sanco-fvo-inspections@ec.europa.eu. If it is not possible to e-mail your comments, I would be grateful if you could send them to me at the Food and Veterinary Office, Grange, Dunsany, Co. Meath, Ireland (fax: (+353) 46 9061 701). Please use the report reference number in all correspondence.

The audit team identified certain deficiencies in respect of the standards being applied. Your services were informed of these deficiencies during the audit and in the final meeting.

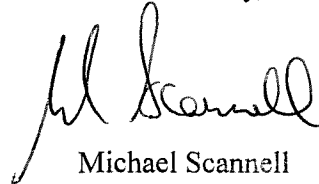
I would be grateful if you could provide details of any actions taken or planned, including deadlines for their completion, to address the recommendations contained in the report

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within 25 working days of receipt of the draft report. For your convenience, the recommendations have been annexed to this letter in a tabular format, with a column for your response. The completed table will be published, showing your responses to the relevant recommendations, with the final report. Your response will be published in the language in which you provide it.

The report will not be presented to Member States at the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health unless this is requested by one or more of the Member States.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Scannell

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Table for CA response to recommendations

c.c.: H.E. Mr David Walzer, Ambassador, Mission of Israel to the EU
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