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1	<p>The competent authority should ensure that the EU list correctly identifies cold storage facilities and it is kept up-to-date, as required by Article 12 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004. Recommendation based on conclusion 58 Associated findings 43</p>	<p>CA response dated 14/01/2020 - Ares(2020)205497</p> <p>Updating of the list of establishments approved for exports to the EU. Timeframe: Immediate</p> <p>Correction of errors with regard to the activity of each establishment (PP: Processing Plant and CS: Cold Storage) and</p> <p>The competent authority will not add any more establishments which do not have final approval to the official list of establishments approved for exports to the EU. Timeframe: immediate</p> <p>In-depth evaluation of establishments with permanent approvals, for the renewal thereof.</p>	<p>Satisfactory in principle Please confirm that the in-depth evaluation has been completed for establishments with permanent approval and all have the correct activity identified.</p>

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2	<p>The competent authority should ensure that the official control system put in place is implemented effectively; in particular, they should ensure that all official control staff are adequately trained on the assessment and implementation of HACCP in order to be able to provide the necessary assurances that fishery products fully comply with the standards required to meet all guarantees as set out in the EU health certificate for imports of fishery products contained in Appendix IV of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005. Recommendation based on conclusion No 61 Associated findings Nos 52 and 57</p>	<p>CA response dated 14/01/2020 - Ares(2020)205497</p> <p>Two training sessions on capacity building for ONISPA inspectors on HACCP are planned. A training programme will be put in place for managers responsible for hygiene and quality at establishments approved for the export of fisheries products to the EU</p> <p>on drawing up and applying HACCP manuals. Deadline April 2020.</p> <p>All the HACCP manuals of establishments and vessels approved for exports to the EU will be assessed in order to ensure that they comply with the required standards and that they include a quality assurance system based on HACCP principles. Deadline June 2020.</p>	<p>Satisfactory in principle. Please confirm that a) the training for managers responsible for hygiene and quality at establishments has been put in place and b) confirm that the assessment of the relevant HACCP manuals are complete.</p>
3	<p>The competent authority should take measures to ensure that the relevant EU standards are applied</p>	CA response dated 14/01/2020 -	

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	<p>to the fish markets involved in the production chain of fishery products for EU export, including the temperature requirements of chilled fish in Chapter III (A)(1) of Section VIII of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. Recommendation based on conclusion Nos 61 and 63 Associated findings Nos 42 and 43</p>	<p>Ares(2020)205497</p> <p>ONISPA has opened three inspection offices at Nouakchott Fish Market (MPN), Tanit and the Bay of Repos Port Facility (EPBR) to monitor the hygiene and quality of fisheries products at landing; (See ONISPA service note, enclosed). Deadline: December 2019</p> <p>The EPBR is about to start upgrading its landing infrastructure and fish market, with the construction of a new auction facility. Deadline: Contract awarded. Work to commence January 2020.</p> <p>Letters have been sent to fish markets encouraging them to upgrade their infrastructure in order to comply with the required health and hygiene standards; (See enclosed letters). Deadline: December 2019.</p>	<p>Satisfactory in principle</p> <p>Please provide an update to confirm that a) all three inspection offices are now operational and b) construction work at EPBR has commenced (and based on progress made) provide an estimation of the completion date. With regard to the fish markets, please confirm that the fish markets are upgrading their infrastructure (as requested in your letters) and whether or not this work is complete.</p>
4	<p>The competent authority should maintain the progress noted to date within the laboratory</p>	<p>CA response dated 14/01/2020 -</p>	

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	network, particularly with regard to ongoing expansion of the scope (i.e. lead and histamine) of accreditation. Recommendation based on conclusion No 84 Associated findings No 82	<p>Ares(2020)205497</p> <p>The competent authority undertakes to consolidate the accreditation of the laboratories. Deadline: ongoing.</p> <p>and to expand the scope of the accreditation, in particular for lead and histamine. Deadline: End of 2020</p>	<p>Satisfactory in principle</p> <p>Please confirm that the scope of accreditation has been expanded to include lead and histamine.</p>
5	The competent authority should ensure that fishery products to be certified for export should be traceable at all stages of production, processing and distribution as foreseen in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002. Recommendation based on conclusion Nos 62 and 91 Associated findings Nos 90.	<p>CA response dated 14/01/2020 - Ares(2020)205497</p> <p>Awareness-raising workshops on traceability will be organised for inspectors and operators. A circular has been addressed to operators reminding them of their traceability obligations. (See enclosed circular). Deadline: throughout 2020.</p> <p>The competent authority has established a Certificat de Première Vente (First sale certificate) issued at the EPBR, the MPN and</p>	<p>Satisfactory in principle</p> <p>Please confirm that a) traceability workshops have been organised for inspectors and operators and b) the "Certificat de Première Vente" is now being used at EPBR, the MPN and the port of Tanit as foreseen from January 2020.</p>

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		<p>the port of Tanit to ensure the traceability of fishery products. (See model certificate, enclosed). Deadline: December 2020.</p> <p>Issue of a health certificate for the export of fishery products to the EU is now conditional on the presence of these certificates (see circular, enclosed). Deadline January 2020.</p>	