

Implementing the use of standards and establishing an inspection system



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Part 1. Legal framework



Competent authority

- One or several competent authorities shall be authorised in legislation



Import/ export
control authority



Whole sale level
control authority



Retail level
control authority

If several authorities
are appointed a
coordinating
authority is required

Coordinating authority

Where to apply standards

- At which stages of commercialisation?

As a first stage in implementation

Import

Cooperatives

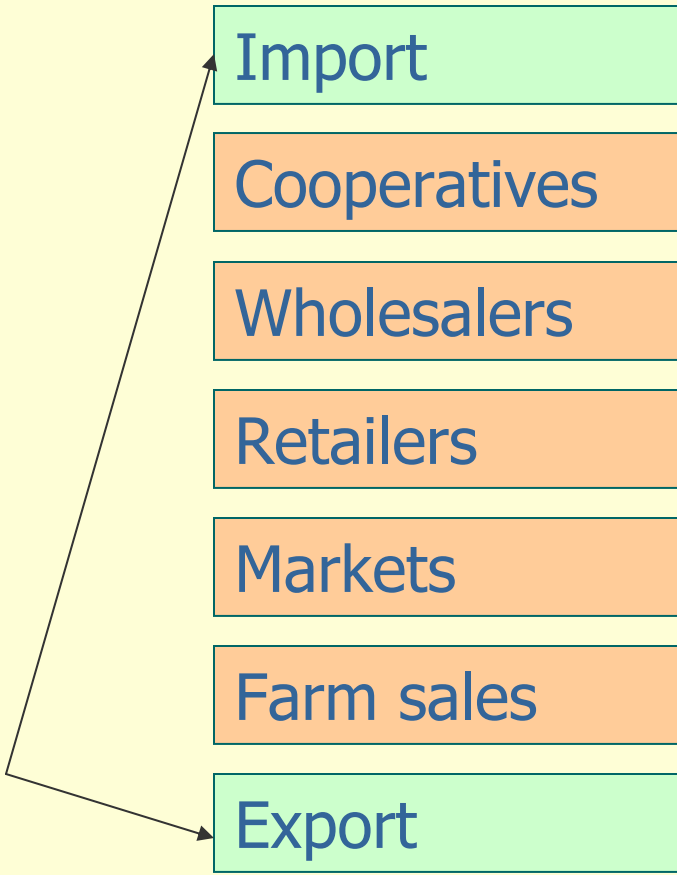
Wholesalers

Retailers

Markets

Farm sales

Export






Which products shall be covered?

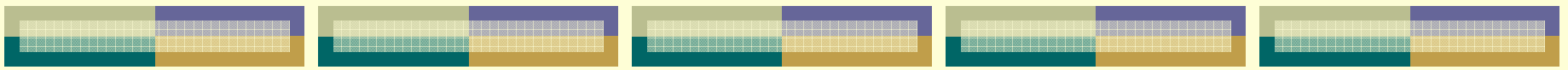
- Decision can be based on
 - Production value, or
 - Export value, or
 - Total traded value (including imports)





To incorporate into legislation

- The standards
 - Method of inspection
 - Measures at non-conformity
 - Sanctions (if applied)
 - The authority's right to access to premises and documentation
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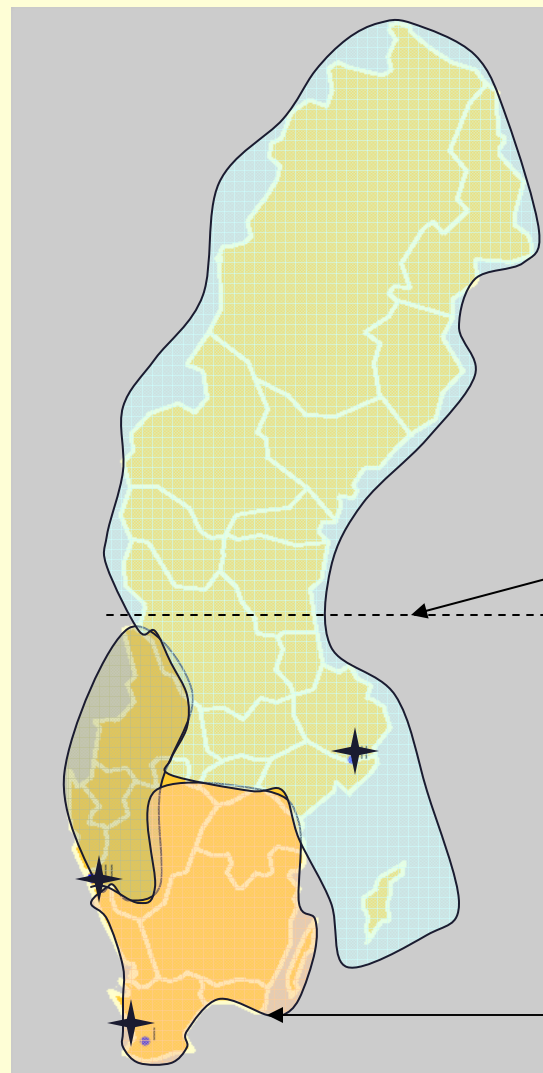


Part 2. Establishing an inspection service



Control areas and offices

Control areas and offices in Sweden




North of this line, production of fruit and vegetables is scarce

2/3 of production and the main part of imports are found in the south



Staff

- How many staff are required?
 - Which professional qualifications should they have?
 - Select and hire staff.
 - Provide training for them
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Acquire equipment

● General equipment

- Cars, computers, communication equipment etc.

● Inspection equipment

- Sizing rings
 - Knives
 - Scales
 - Penetrometers
 - Refractometers
 - Titration equipment
 - Squeezers (for juice extraction)
 - Oven or microwave
 - Colour charts
 - Explanatory material
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Produce material

- Manuals with,
 - Inspection procedures
 - Relevant standards
 - Check lists
 - Control forms
 - Risk analysis
 - Plan of activities
 - Database with registered companies
 - Certificate of conformity
 - Report for non-conformities
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Cooperation routines

- If different authorities are assigned for control at different levels of distribution the coordination authority has a central role in this
 - Routines for import and export control must be set up with customs authorities
 - Contact /cooperation with services in other countries
 - Follow up procedure for received complaints from other countries
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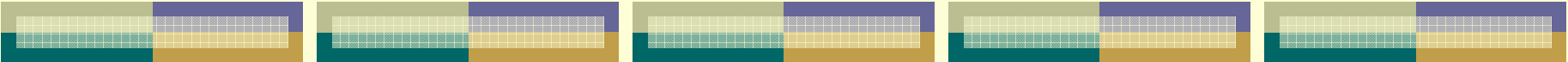
Part 3. Information/ Communications to industry






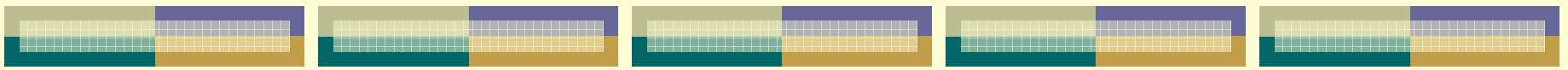
Communications to the industry

- Production of information material
 - Information meetings for decision makers in the industry
 - Training courses for producers' and traders' own quality controllers
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Information material for producers and traders

- The material should include:
 - Requirement to register companies
 - Responsibility of the holder
 - Contact points
 - Relevant standards
 - Marking requirements
 - Sampling methods
 - Inspection procedures
 - Recommendations on procedures in case of non-conformity findings
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Part 4. Important points in the running of the quality control work






● Continuous communication in all directions


- Inside the country,
 - including regular meetings with the industry
- With inspection bodies in other countries
- Through international meetings

● Training of inspectors

- Basic training for new inspectors
 - Advanced training to ensure harmonisation
 - Within the service
 - With inspection services in other countries
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Evaluations of inspections

- Inspection results shall be entered into a database
 - Results shall be evaluated in order to be used as a basis for risk analysis of
 - Traders
 - Origins
 - Products
 - Seasonal variations
 - Etc.
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Why an evaluation is needed

- Inspections can be focused on consignments most likely not to be in conformity
 - Staff can be adjusted between regional offices and according to season
 - Contact with inspection authorities in other countries may be advisable
 - Assures harmonised application within the authority
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