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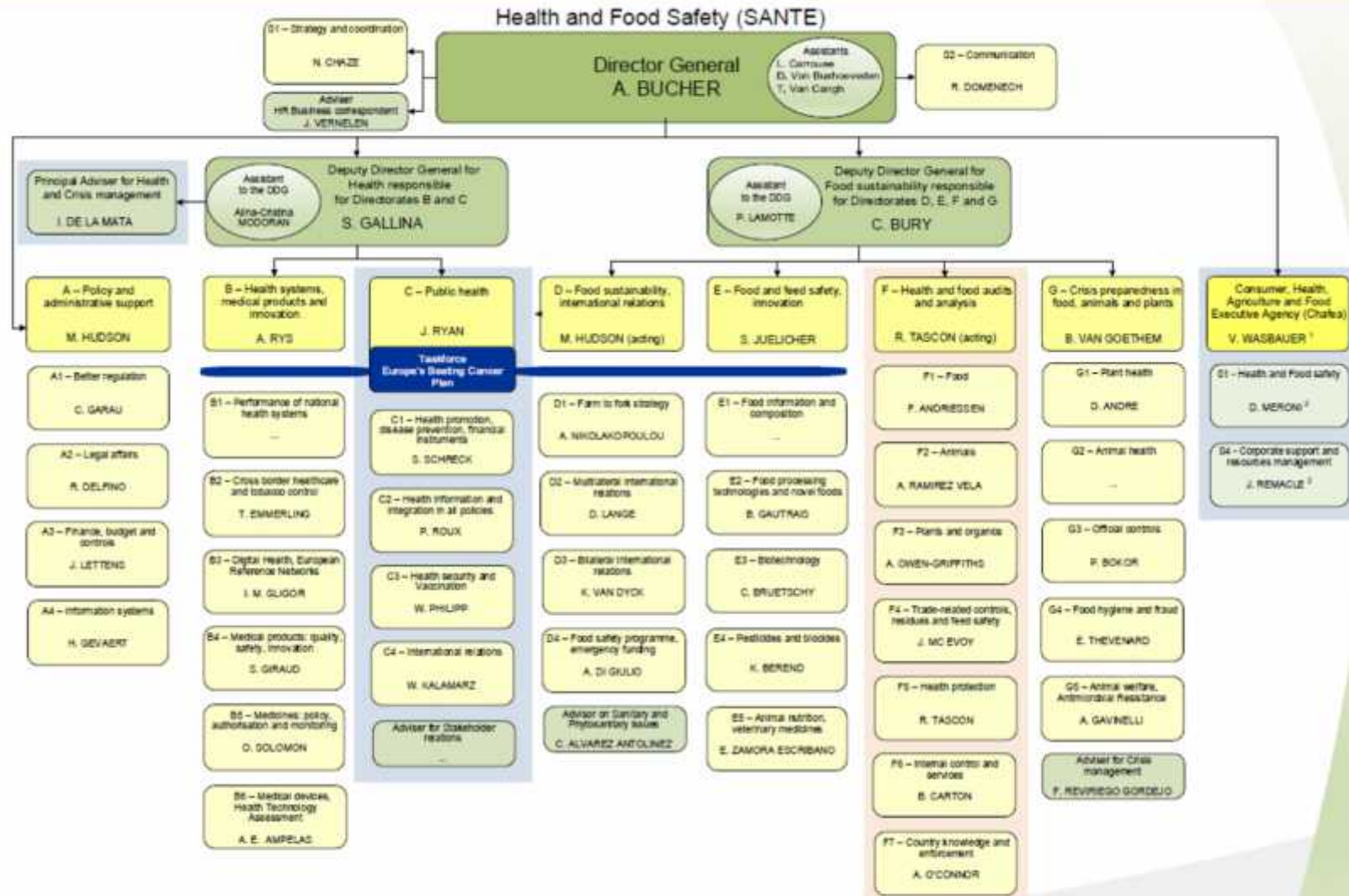
Health and Food Audits and Analysis

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Health and
Food Safety

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Who we are?



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Directorate, Units and Agency in Luxembourg
Directorate and Units in Galway, Ireland



What we do – audits

- System audits in Member States and third countries
- Report on audit findings with recommendations to address identified shortcomings
- Results are published
- Corrective actions are systematically followed-up

Hierarchy of official controls



Commission

audits

- verifies the functioning of national controls systems, including the enforcement of EU standards

National authorities

- carry out official controls on how operators apply EU standards

Operators

- apply EU standards (primary responsibility)

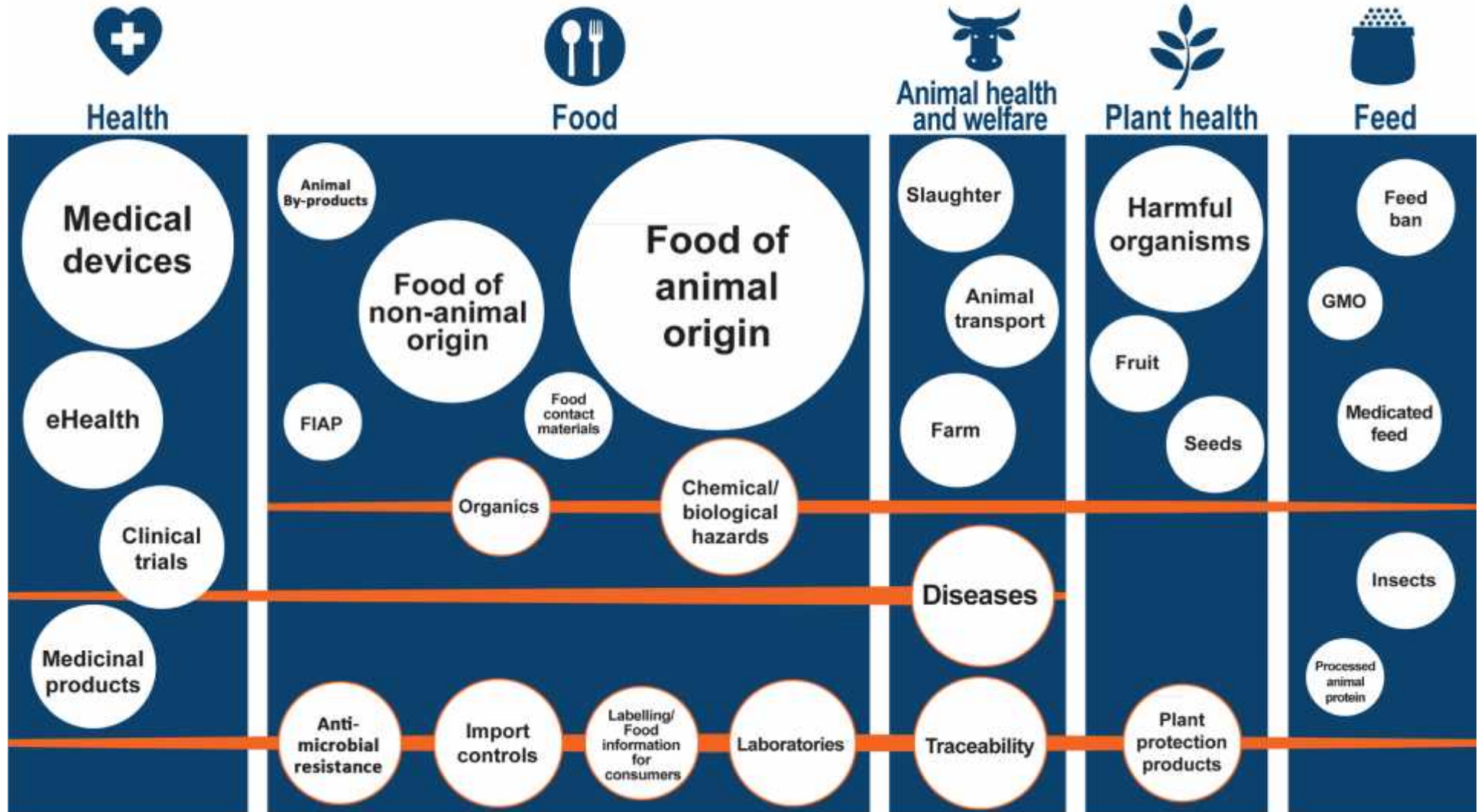
Purpose of our audits

➤ To verify in practice that:

- Member States are compliant with EU law
- third countries can reliably issue official certification that commodities intended for export to the EU meet the requirements



AUDIT UNIVERSE



Official controls



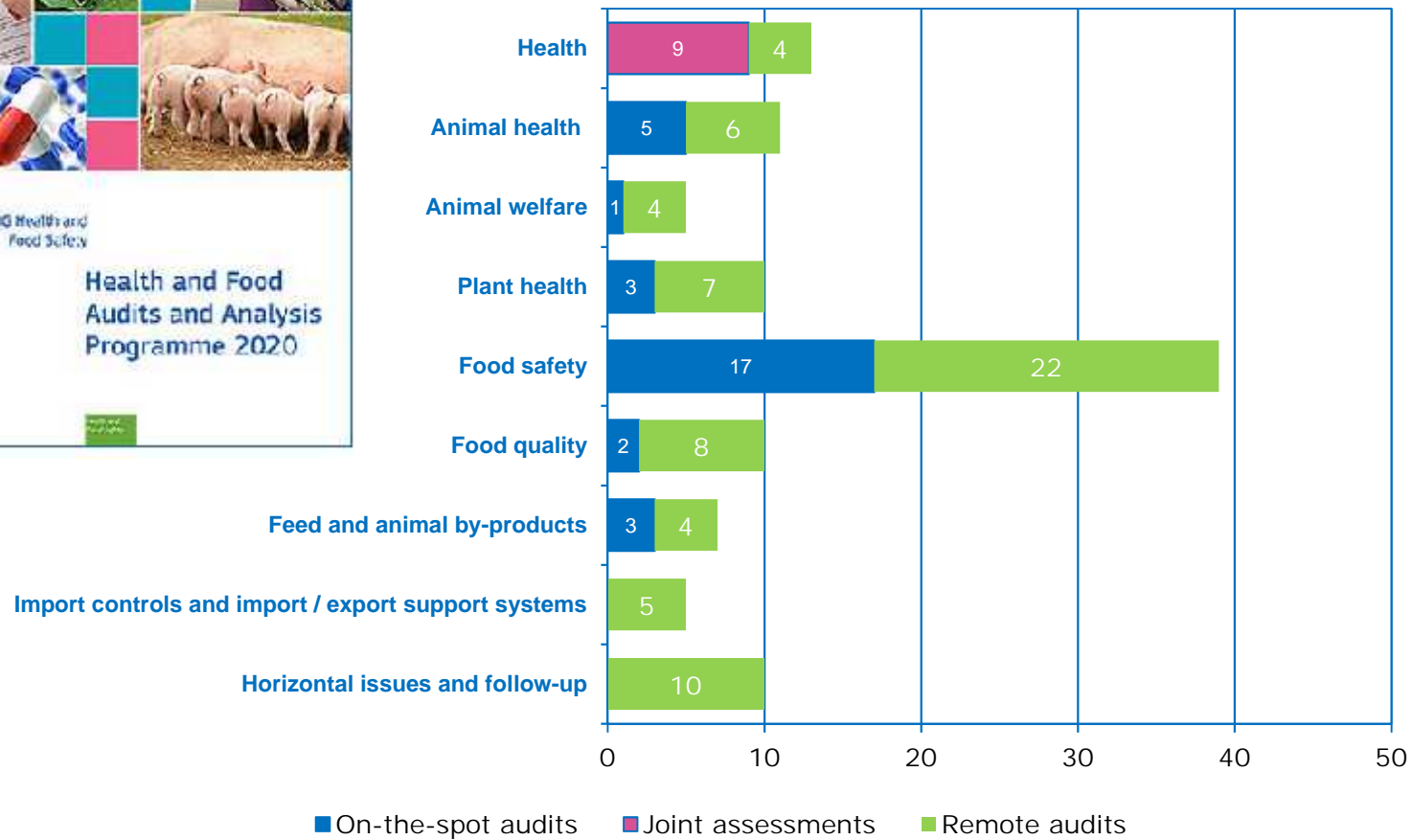
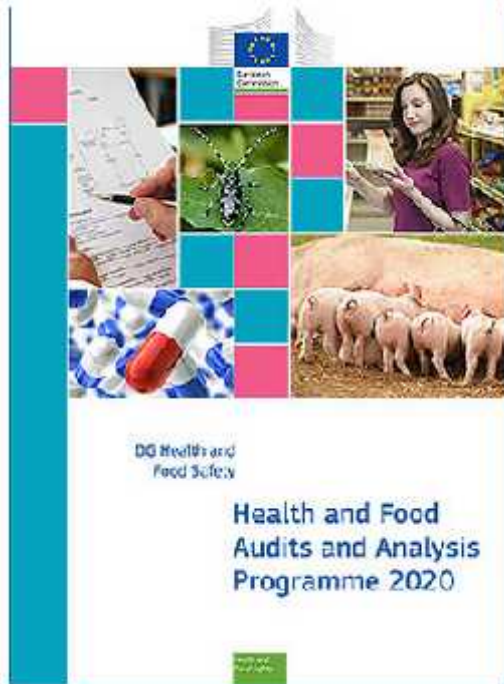
LIVING WITH COVID-19

- Evolution of the pandemic
 - travel restrictions regularly changing
 - unsafe situation on the ground
 - ➔ Uncertainty
- Need to deliver on the programme of audits
 - ➔ most audits carried out **remotely**
- Exceptions [only planning ensured!]
 - legal obligations
 - political priorities



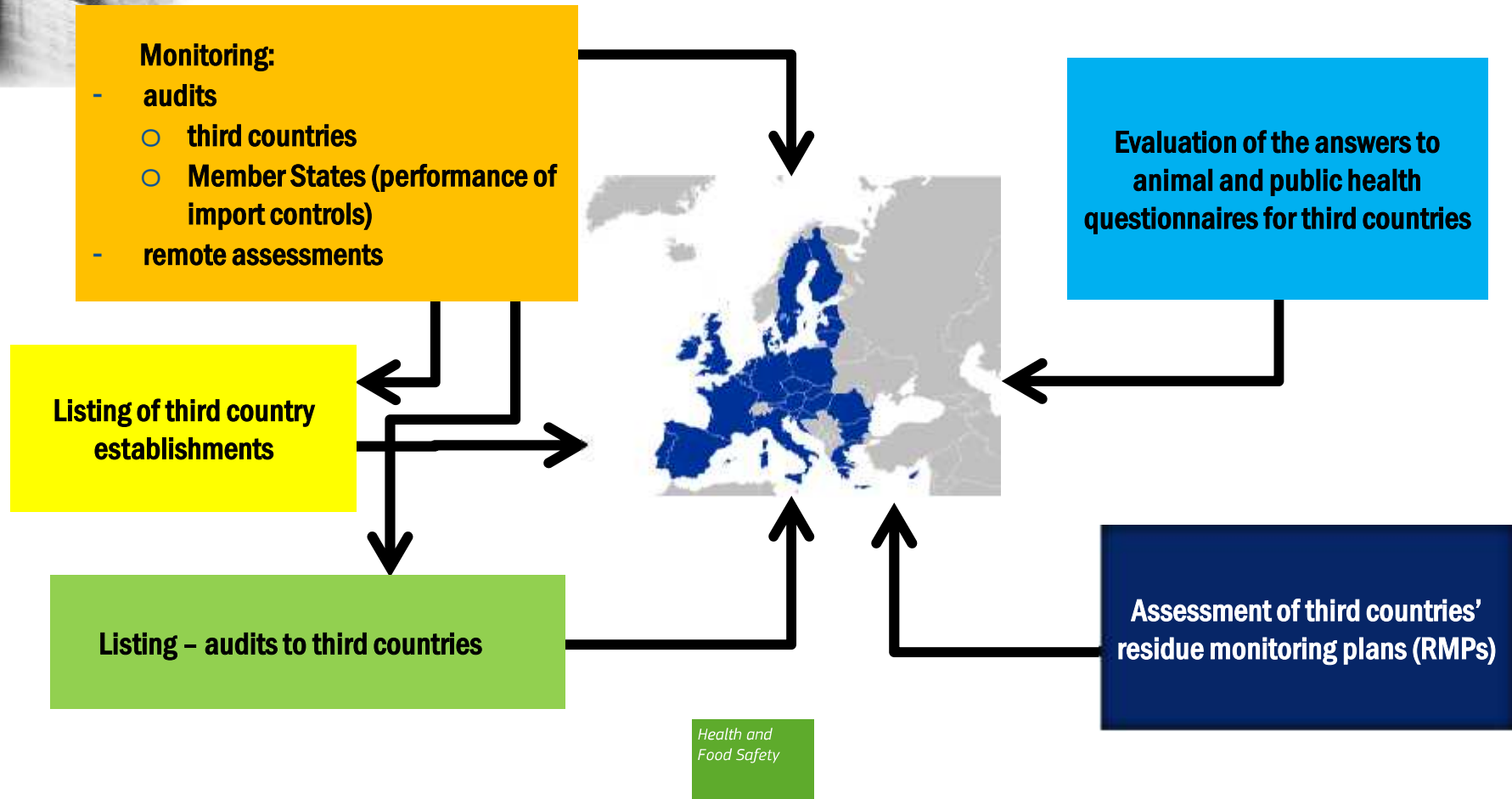
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Audit programme 2020





What do we do – gatekeeping of market access to the EU





What do we do – policy development

- Audits' input in SANTE policies
- **Farm2Fork**
 - Coordination of SANTE's input to the CAP National Strategic Plans recommendations
 - Sustainable use of pesticides:
 - Review of the sustainable use Directive (SUD)
 - Harmonised Risk Indicators



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