

Summary

Advice 29-2007 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC concerning the control of bovine viral diarrhoea.

The Scientific Committee evaluated a project of royal decree concerning the control of bovine viral diarrhoea.

This project of royal decree aims at reducing the circulation of the BVD virus amongst persistently infected cattle (IPI cattle) via the establishment of several types of measures (obligation of notification in case of suspicion of infection, restrictions of animal transport, "IPI-free" certificate, examination of cattle at purchase, etc.). The Scientific Committee approves the project of royal decree because it represents a first step in the control of BVD. The Committee, however, draws the attention to the fact that, because of the infectious nature of the disease, the execution of the measures on all the animals of the farm would have a greater epidemiological impact than the execution of these measures on individual animals, as proposed in this project of royal decree. Despite a deadline of maximum 30 days to start legal action, according to the legislation concerning the redhibitory defects (Law of 25th of August, 1885), the Scientific Committee proposes to fix a time interval of 28 days between two virological tests. In this way, it is prevented that temporary infected cattle, which are not persistently infected (IPI-free), are involved in the proposed control of BVD.

The full text is available on <http://www.favv-afsc.fgov.be/wetenschappelijkcomite/adviezen/2007.asp> in French and Dutch.