

Summary

Advice 13-2007 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on a project of royal decree concerning the introduction on the market and use of fertilisers, soil improving products and crop substrates.

This advice concerns the scientific evaluation of a project of royal decree on the introduction on the market and the use of fertilisers, soil improving products and crop substrates.

The Scientific Committee agrees with the maximum amounts of heavy metals and PCB's in sludge of purification installations, as proposed in the current project of royal decree. The Scientific Committee is however of the opinion, as already indicated in advice 2002/14, that the maximum amounts of other chemical contaminants need to be established as well, at least for those which are listed in the work document of the European directive. The Scientific Committee also emphasises that all presented values in this workdocument only have a provisional character and that, as soon as the new directive is published, all maximum amounts determined at Belgian level, must be evaluated if they are less strict than the new European standards. If the new European norms will impose standards for other chemical or biological contaminants, the Belgian norms will have to be equivalent or stricter than those imposed at European level.

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