

Advice 12-2008 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC: consumption blood: microbiological process criteria and temperature prescriptions

A blood processing company demands the introduction of regulatory fixed microbiological criteria for blood intended for human consumption. Moreover, the company demands a derogation of the temperature criterion of 3°C during transport of fresh blood from the slaughterhouse to the blood processing company. The Scientific Committee is of the opinion that the establishment of microbiological guidelines for consumption blood should be performed within the framework of a self-checking system that is based on the HACCP principles. It is the task of the company involved to establish these guidelines. A derogation of the temperature criterion of 3°C can be allowed from a scientific point of view, when it can be demonstrated by the company that the given time/temperature combination will not result in an increased risk for the food safety.

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