

Advice 21-2008 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC: Evaluation of the relevance of the inspection of the stomach and intestines during *post mortem* expertise of poultry (Dossier N° 2008/15)

The Scientific Committee is asked to evaluate the relevance of the inspection of the stomach and intestines during the *post mortem* expertise of poultry. In other words, it is asked to evaluate if there exists poultry diseases (1) which induce lesions at the stomach and intestines visible during the *post mortem* expertise and (2) which are not always associated with lesions at other organs or on the carcass, or with clinical signs detectable during the *ante mortem* expertise. The Scientific Committee is of the opinion that inspection of stomach and intestines provides relevant information about several poultry diseases responding to the two above mentioned criteria, such as for example necrotic enterocolitis, tuberculosis, coligranulomatosis, lymphoid leucosis, coccidiosis, histomoniasis, Marek's disease and ornithobacteriosis.