

## **Advice 31-2009 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on mandatory notification in the food chain within the framework of scientific research**

The Scientific Committee has initiated, on its own initiative, a dossier on the issue of the mandatory notification in the food chain within the framework of scientific research.

The principle of mandatory notification in the food chain is fully supported by the Scientific Committee. Nevertheless, a number of important bottlenecks were taken into consideration at which researchers in the food chain are faced and which are related to the meticulous application of the notification procedure.

The Scientific Committee proposes to establish, within the Agency, a central reporting office for scientific research and to legally provide the possibility for researchers to introduce a demand to deviate from the mandatory notification.

After all, the Scientific Committee proposes that the Agency would establish a good communication with the scientific world about the notification modalities.

The full text is available on this website in dutch and in french, respectively under the section "Wetenschappelijk Comité/Adviezen" and "Comité scientifique/Avis".