

## **Advice 10-2014 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the 2014 FASFC analysis program – chapter: microbiology – partim: animal health**

The Scientific Committee is asked to evaluate the 2014 FASFC analysis program. This advice relates only to the evaluation of the microbiological hazards associated with animal health and animal diseases. The evaluation of the microbiological aspects relating to food safety and plant health and chemical hazards will be the subject of separate advices of the Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee makes a number of positive observations, in particular: (1) most of the recommendations that were made in the advice Sci Com 09-2009 were taken into account, and (2) for each parameter/matrix combination, an objective was fixed and, in general, the approach followed for the purpose of determining the sampling size is consistent with the fixed objective.

However, the Scientific Committee has some general remarks in regard to the analysis program. In some cases the justification of the proposed sample size is incomplete or there is a lack of agreement between the various documents relating to the number of analyses. For some calculations it was found that the accepted error percentage is higher than the expected prevalence. Certain animal diseases for which the surveillance was recommended in several previous advices are not included in the program.

The Scientific Committee formulated also some specific remarks.

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