

Advice 12-2014 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the evaluation of the 2014 analysis program of the FASFC – Part microbiologic parameters in food and GMOs in food and feed

The Scientific Committee is asked to evaluate the 2014 analysis program of the FASFC of 2014. This advice concerns only the evaluation of the microbiological parameters in food and the genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food and feed.

The Scientific Committee formulates a number of general recommendations. It is advised to, as much as possible, supplement the qualitative estimate of the occurrence of the hazard in all risk assessments with quantitative data obtained from the results from the control program from the previous years. Also, it is recommended to control the justification files on the relevance of the parameter 'number of units in the population'. The Scientific Committee advises to use the correct scientific name of the parameters (hazards / pathogens), as well as the full name of the matrix as this is mentioned in the accompanying justification file. Thereafter, it is recommended, when finding a non conform sample in the context of the control of the self control system of an operator, to draw sufficient attention to the monitoring of this non-conformity in the self control system of the operator. Finally, the Scientific Committee formulates a number of specific recommendations.

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