

Advice 18-2017 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the draft royal decrees regarding the exemption of certain categories of operators of the mandatory registration at the FASFC**Terms of reference and background**

Scientific advice has been requested on 2 drafts of royal decrees amending the royal decree of 16 January 2006 laying down the detailed rules for recognition, admission and prior registrations delivered by the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain.

The proposed amendments aim to exempt certain categories of operators (joint purchasing groups organized by consumers and operators from the sub-economy) of mandatory registration, thus providing a legal framework for new developments in the food chain.

Methodology

The proposed amendments to the royal decree were analyzed from the point of view of the assessment and the management of risks in the food chain.

Results and conclusion

The proposed amendments to the royal decree address new, but relatively limited initiatives in the food chain for which the legal context so far has been unclear.

Within the limits of its competence, the Scientific Committee supports the proposed amendments to the royal decree.

The Scientific Committee expresses concern about the admission to consumer groups, exempt from mandatory registration, to handle unprocessed foodstuffs (according to the definition of the EC Regulation [852/2004](#)) which may involve an increased risk especially if it concerns products of animal origin (meat).

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