

**Advice 23-2017 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC regarding the evaluation of the FEBEV's document "*Specific infrastructure requirements and monitoring plan for export of 'edible by-products' to China*".**

#### **Background & Terms of reference**

The Scientific Committee has been asked to evaluate the FEBEV's document "*Specific infrastructure requirements and monitoring plan for export of 'edible by-products' to China*" and to answer the following questions:

- Does this sectorial sampling plan provide fully or partially sufficient guarantees to be validated by the Agency? If not, what are its weaknesses?
- Does this plan provide sufficient guarantees to be considered in the official control program of the Agency (process hygiene criteria)?

#### **Methodology**

The advice is based on expert opinion and on different scientific references.

#### **Results**

Considering the elements enumerated in the advice, in particular i) the fact that blood, stomachs and intestines are excluded from the scope of the document, ii) the fact that pig offal (as defined in the document) must be frozen at -15°C within 48 hours after slaughter and (iii) the fact that these pig offal exported to China are cooked before being consumed, the Scientific Committee considers that sufficient guarantees for food safety are provided by the FEBEV's pig offal sampling plan.

#### **Conclusions**

The Scientific Committee gives a favourable opinion on FEBEV's proposal for pig offal (as defined in the document) intended to export to China for human consumption. In addition, the Committee answers positively to the two questions concerning the guarantees for food safety provided by the pig offal sampling plan in the strict framework of export to China.

The full text is available on this website in dutch and in french.