

**Advice 25-2009 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on a project of royal decree modifying the royal decree of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 concerning the control of organisms harmful to plants and plant products.**

This advice concerns the evaluation of the project of royal decree modifying the royal decree of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 concerning the control of organisms harmful to plants and plant products.

The objective is to make the plant health policy more effective by widening the scope of the royal decree to the harmful organisms for which the European Commission fixed emergency phytosanitary measures (ex. : the red palm weevil, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) and to the harmful organisms which represent an imminent danger to plant health and which appear for instance on the alert list of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO).

The Scientific Committee underlines the importance of the modifications of the royal decree in order to obtain a more effective risk management of emerging plant health risks.

In conclusion, the Scientific Committee gives a favourable advice on the present project of royal decree.

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