

Advice 22-2010 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the projects of royal decree to control viral encephalitis and infectious anaemia in equids

Following a first advice (advice 13-2009) in regard to a project of royal decree concerning the control of viral encephalitis and infectious anaemia in equids, two new draft royal decrees were submitted to the Scientific Committee. To a large extent these texts take account with the previously made recommendations.

In regard to the project of royal decree on the control of viral encephalitis, remarks are formulated among other things on the extension of the definition of equids suspected of viral encephalitis, on the duration of the period for tracing back the blood products, and on the modifications of the passport and the movement restriction period.

In regard to the project of royal decree on the control of equine infectious anaemia, it was considered to be necessary to clarify and to extend the definition of suspected infected equids. Further on, it was proposed to cancel the permanent quarantine zones because it has to be the objective to keep Belgium free from the disease and not to evolve towards an endemically infected territory. It is recommended to extend the use of the inventory in stables suspected to be infected, to clarify the measures to be taken related to the movement of equids (among which the clear identification of confirmed positive animals to enable an eventual tracability) and their products in case of confirmation of equine infectious anaemia, to clarify the disposal of infected animals and the measures to be applied to foals suspected to be infected.

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