

Rapid advice 08-2010 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the arguments set forward by a professional sector on the control measures for Q-fever

The Scientific Committee was asked to give an advice on the argumentation put forward by the Walloon interprofessional goat and sheep federation in regard to the Q fever control measures stipulated in a draft ministerial decree.

Referring to the urgent advice 01-2010, the Scientific Committee limits the scope of this advice to the measures affecting the goat and sheep sector.

On one hand the Scientific Committee confirms, by precautionary measure, its recommendation for the pasteurisation of raw milk from positive goat and sheep farms. On the other hand, the Committee supports the establishment of other measures such as the restriction in regard to the sale and the transport of infected goats/sheep and the treatment of manure. In regard to vaccination, it is recommended to evaluate the use of the vaccine in the framework of a global Q fever control program. The Scientific Committee does not support antibiotic treatment of animals, nor the interdiction of the commercialisation of eggs and mayonnaise as mentioned by the federation.

The full text is available on this website in dutch and in french, respectively under the section "Wetenschappelijk Comité/Adviezen" and "Comité scientifique/Avis".