

**Advice 05-2011 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on a modification of the royal decree of 24 December 1987 in regard to defects that give ground for annulment of sale or exchange of domestic animals: addition of neosporosis to the list of defects that give ground to annulment of sale of cattle**

The Scientific Committee has been asked to give an advice on the addition of neosporosis in cattle to the list of defects that give ground for annulment of sale and on the diagnostic test for neosporosis.

The Scientific Committee is of the opinion that the addition of neosporosis to the list of defects that give ground for annulment of sale of cattle is justified, given the economic importance of the disease in Belgium. However, it is indispensable to appoint a national reference laboratory in order to validate the available diagnostic tests. Furthermore, the Scientific Committee is of the opinion that the proposed term of 30 days for the execution of a purchase investigation might be too short in some cases because seroconversion sometimes appears not before 6 weeks post-infection. It is also of great importance to know the sensitivity and specificity of the available diagnostic tests to be able to judge the diagnostic capacity of these tests. To conclude, the Scientific Committee recommends, from a scientific point of view, to keep the description of the diagnostic test in appendix III sufficiently broad to allow the future use of other and possibly better diagnostic tests.

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