

**Advice 11-2012 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the weight factors of the indicators used in the food safety, animal health and plant health (phytosanitary situation) barometers.**

In 2010 the Scientific Committee has developed the concept of measuring, on an annual basis, the safety of the food chain. This has resulted in the development of the food safety barometer (Advice 28-2010), the animal health barometer (Advice 09-2011) and the plant health – phytosanitary situation - barometer (Advice 10-2011). The basis for the calculation of these barometers are indicators. In this way 30 food safety, 13 animal health and 13 plant health indicators were identified. In the above mentioned advices only the concept to calculate these barometers was developed; no weighting of indicators was done which resulted in a similar importance of each indicator in the barometers.

In this advice the weighting factors for the indicators in the 3 barometers are represented. These weighting factors were calculated after an elaborated consultation of responsible policy actors, experts and stakeholders of the food chain.

The Scientific Committee recommends that these weighting factors of the indicators are taken into account in the final computation of the respective barometers.

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