

Advice 16-2012 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on a draft royal decree on the veterinary regulations for the intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs and on the conditions for authorization for poultry holdings.

The Scientific Committee of the FASFC was asked to evaluate a draft royal decree on the veterinary regulations for the intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs and on the conditions for authorization for poultry holdings.

The Scientific Committee has formulated a number of general and specific remarks on the draft royal decree and has furthermore answered the questions that were posed.

The Scientific Committee proposes to organize from now on the health control program for *Salmonella* Pullorum-Gallinarum for breeding poultry and laying hens based on a bacteriological examination of faeces, because of the interference with vaccine antibodies against *Salmonella* Enteritidis when performing serological tests. It is however important to avoid semi-solid culture media for the isolation of *Salmonella* Pullorum-Gallinarum.

Finally the Scientific Committee has evaluated the standards for drinking and cleaning water other than tap water, based on available results of water analyses and data from scientific literature, and has formulated new propositions.

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