

Advice 20-2013 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on a project of royal decree amending the royal decree of 22 December 2005 laying down additional measures for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption

The advice of the Scientific Committee is requested on a project of royal decree amending the royal decree of 22 December 2005 laying down additional measures for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

The project of royal decree intends to include three modifications in the royal decree of 22 December 2005 laying down additional measures for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption, namely:

- the replacement of compulsory systematic inspection of fishery products in the fish auctions by a partial official control,
- the introduction of the possibility of visual inspection in calves less than eight months in the national regulation, provided by Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005,
- the elimination of the special health mark which must be affixed on meat from emergency slaughter.

The Scientific Committee has no comments on the project of royal decree. However, it stresses the importance of establishing clear guidelines for the official control of fishery products in the fish auctions. Official controls should be targeted. Overall, they must cover all the fishing vessels and take into account the fish species most at risk.

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