

## **Advice 05-2015 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the evaluation of the risks of freezing prepackaged foodstuffs on the final use by date**

The Scientific Committee was asked if it is acceptable from a food safety point of view that the freezing of prepackaged foodstuffs by food banks or charities is done on the final use by date and if the proposed working method is acceptable.

The Scientific Committee concludes that, provided that certain measures are respected, the risks of freezing prepackaged foodstuffs by food banks or charities on the final use by date are low from a food safety point of view. Concerning the working method, the cold chain during the collecting and the transport of the foodstuffs must be respected and the necessary measures have to be taken in order to freeze of the foodstuffs as soon as possible and in order that the foodstuffs reach freezing temperatures into their core as soon as possible.

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