

**Advice 20-2016 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on an action limit for tetrodotoxin (TTX) in bivalve molluscs**

**Background & Terms of reference**

The Scientific Committee has been asked to propose an action limit for tetrodotoxin (TTX) in bivalve molluscs.

**Methodology**

This advice is based on expert opinion, on a risk assessment and on different scientific references.

**Results**

Different approaches are discussed to eventually set an action limit.

**Conclusion**

Whereas TTX is potentially lethal to humans, data related to the presence of TTX (and analogs) in bivalve molluscs are scarce, analysis methods still need to be developed/validated/harmonized and EFSA was asked to issue an opinion, the Scientific Committee does not wish to decide on an action limit.

The Scientific Committee recommends, pending EFSA's advice, to apply the precautionary principle, in other words to apply an action limit corresponding to the limit of quantification of the analysis method.

The full text is available on this website in dutch and in french.