

Advice 05-2017 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the evaluation of a draft royal decree to amend the royal decree of 17 June 2013 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs and on the conditions for approval of poultry holdings.

Background & Terms of reference

The Scientific Committee is asked to give an advice on the draft royal decree to amend the royal decree of 17 June 2013 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs and on the conditions for approval of poultry holdings.

The Council Directive 2009/158/EC contains the animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade of poultry and hatching eggs. This Directive has been transposed into the royal decree of 17 June 2013. However, a number of modifications have been implemented to improve the cost/efficiency ratio of the different animal health programs and to allow the use of newly available diagnostic tests (e.g. diagnosing chronic respiratory disease (CRD) by using RT-PCR). Changes have been made to the microbiological quality control in hatcheries, to the execution of the animal health programs for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis*, *Salmonella Pullorum/Salmonella Gallinarum* and *Salmonella arizonae* and to the conditions for ratite farms.

Methodology

The evaluation of the draft royal decree is based on scientific literature data and on expert opinion.

Conclusion

The Scientific Committee largely agrees with the proposed modifications in the draft royal decree. Only a limited number of general and specific remarks are formulated.

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