

## Summary

### **Advice 10-2007 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC concerning the food safety risk related to the contamination of head meat by tissue of the central nervous system of cattle.**

The Scientific Committee was asked to evaluate the food safety risk related to the contamination of head meat by tissues of the central nervous system of cattle (*cfr.* BSE).

The Scientific Committee is of the opinion that the public health risk related to the presence of central nervous system tissue on the surface of head meat is very small, given the actual low incidence of BSE in Belgium and in Europe. As the removal of specified risk material from the food chain is an important measure to safeguard public health, the Committee recommends not to modify point 7 of annex XI of the BC 999/2001 Regulation. The conservation of bovine heads, while awaiting the results of the diagnostic tests, will not increase the safety of foodstuffs in regard to BSE.

The full text is available on <http://www.favv-afsc.fgov.be/wetenschappelijkcomite/adviezen/2007.asp> in French and Dutch.