

Advice 23-2008 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC: Risk evaluation for human and animal health of the Belgian proposal of revision of the annual BSE monitoring programme

The Scientific Committee is asked to perform an extended risk evaluation including a birth cohort analysis, showing that the revised BSE monitoring programme proposed by Belgium will ensure the protection of human and animal health.

Because the protection of human health is mainly ensured by the specified risk material removal (SRM) and because the protection of animal health is mainly ensured by the Feed ban, the Scientific Committee emphasizes to the predominant role of the maintenance of these two measures.

The results of the quantitative risk assessment indicate that the application of the revised BSE monitoring programme proposed by Belgium will ensure human and animal health protection with the same efficiency as the application of the current monitoring programme, because the number of infected animals detected in the different exit streams is comparable, whatever the applied program.

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