

## **Advice 08-2013 of the Scientific Committee of the FASFC on the evaluation of the document “Plan in case of acute intoxication of honeybees by pesticides”**

The Scientific Committee has assessed the document “Plan in case of acute intoxication of honeybees by pesticides”.

The main objectives of this plan are i) to stimulate notifications to the FASFC of cases of suspicion of acute intoxication of honeybees by pesticides in order to better understand the situation and ii) to improve the follow-up of suspected cases of acute intoxication.

The Scientific Committee formulates several recommendations.

The Scientific Committee is of the opinion that:

- priority should be given to the toxicological reference values which are available at the Belgian level. If these are not available, the Footprint database should be considered as the reference.
- if the measured pesticide concentration in honeybees exceeds the temporary action limit, corresponding to 10 % of the LD50, the FASFC should continue its investigation in order to find out the cause of the observed mortality.
- it is recommended to give priority to the analysis of the residues of all the pesticides which are currently authorised in Belgium, or which were authorized in the past, and whose LD50 for honeybees is lower than 100 µg/bee.

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