



## **Opinion 02-2022 of the Scientific Committee established at the FASFC on the reassessment of the severity rating of adverse effects associated with hazards mentioned in the FASFC's analysis program: additives, quality criteria, mycotoxins and contaminants**

### **Question**

The Scientific Committee (SciCom) has been asked to reassess the severity rating of adverse effects associated with the parameters and parameter profiles of the channels called "additives and quality", "mycotoxins, phycotoxins, biogenic amines and other toxins" and "process contaminants" within the framework of the FASFC's analysis program.

### **Method**

This opinion is based on expert opinion, scientific literature and SciCom and EFSA opinions. The proposed changes in the ratings are based on a pragmatic and quantitative approach to each hazard, as described in the SciCom Opinion 18-2016 for the rating of the adverse effect of pesticide residues.

### **Conclusion**

The SciCom proposes a number of changes in the adverse effect ratings of certain parameters and parameter profiles applied in the control program for the "Additives and quality", "Mycotoxins, phycotoxins, biogenic amines and other toxins" and "Process contaminants" sectors.

### **Uncertainties**

The uncertainties in this advice are those inherent to an expert opinion.

### **Recommendation**

The SciCom recommends updating the table of parameters and parameter profiles as presented in the revision request. The parameter "protein degradation (TNBS-method)" can be deleted and the profile "chemical parameters treated tap water" should be adapted.

The SciCom recommends that a different framework for determining the number of analyses should be defined for the parameters "genotyping" (to check the traceability of the meat) and "quality parameters". In case of non-compliance on traceability, it is recommended to investigate the origin of the problem and possible fraud (hormones, etc).

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