

REVISION OF DIRECTIVE 96/23/EC

What is Directive 96/23/EC?

This requires all Member States to monitor their foods of animal origin for residues of veterinary medicines and unauthorised substances. It uses the MRLs set under Regulation 2377/90 as the benchmark for enforcement action for authorised substances. If the VMD, as Competent Authority for the National Surveillance Scheme detects residues at concentrations above the MRL for an authorised veterinary medicine or of unauthorised substances, it instigates follow-up action.

What has happened in the review?

The Commission has not yet brought forwards any proposals. However, it hopes to do so as soon as possible in 2008.