

Press release

ANSES signs a scientific cooperation agreement with its Japanese counterpart in the field of food safety

As part of French Prime Minister Manuel Valls' official visit to Japan, Marc Mortureux, Director General of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), and Dr. Hiroshi Satoh, Chairperson of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ), signed an agreement confirming their commitment to cooperation in the area of food risk assessment.

ANSES conducts its risk assessment, monitoring, research and analytic reference activities throughout the entire food chain. To do so, it calls on expert groups and has a number of food-oriented research and reference laboratories at its disposal. It also coordinates several networks for monitoring the microbiological and chemical contamination of foods, runs observatories and conducts studies and research work.

Like ANSES, the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) is in charge of foodborne health risk assessment. These two organisations conduct their assessments in full independence in order to guide the public authorities in their management of foodborne risk.

An agreement for improved scientific cooperation

The cooperation agreement signed today in Tokyo by FSCJ Chairperson Dr. Hiroshi Satoh and ANSES Director General Marc Mortureux aims to strengthen collaboration in the field of food safety by promoting the sharing of information and methods for risk assessment.

This agreement aims to develop cooperation initiatives in fields of interest for both agencies, including food microbiology, aquaculture, marine biotoxins and contaminants.

This five-year cooperation will be characterised by the collection, analysis and sharing of scientific and technical data, as well as discussions and the pooling of expertise with regard to these data collection methods.