



The scientific committee is constituted under Section 14 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act) and is a body consisting of six independent experts (nominated by the Food Authority and not belonging to any of the scientific panels) and chairpersons of all the scientific panels, as members.

Currently, it has a strength of 27 members. The scientific committee, as a statutory body, acts as the link between scientific panels and the Food Authority. The scientific committee examines the recommendations made by each of the panel and further recommends for approval by the Food Authority. This is the highest body that is responsible for providing a scientific opinion to the Food Authority.