

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 30 JANUARY 2020 MEETING

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's ninety-sixth meeting held on 30 January 2020 and previous meetings.

Secretariat
October 2020

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/96)**

ACM/MIN/96 Para	Topic and action required	Action taken
	Minutes of 95th meeting	
Para 4	Members approved the minutes of the 95 th meeting as a correct record and agreed that they should be posted on the website.	Actioned.
Para 8.3 (bullet 13)	Tick-borne encephalitis virus – draft risk assessment in relation to food Defra Departmental representative volunteered to share any published material the Human and animal infections and risk surveillance group (HAIRS) risk support group may have published with members. It was noted that HAIRS recently discussed TBEV and may have published a risk assessment.	HAIRS are in the process of publishing risk assessment on TBEV. This will be circulated to members when it is available.
Para 10.3	Areas of Research Interest The FSA Scientific Advisory Committees were asked to consider and feedback on FSA areas of research interest research questions formulated by the Chief Scientific Advisor team. Members were asked to review and comment on whether the questions fully reflect R&D needs in the area of microbiological safety of food (by 21 February 2020).	Actioned.
Para 11.9 (bullet one)	Epidemiology of Foodborne Infections Group <i>Campylobacter</i> infections in Wales, a member linked to Public Health Wales (PHW) informed members that PHW was looking into the reasons for the rise in the number of cases. Update to be provided when ongoing investigations are completed.	Update recently provided to EFIG has corrected this query (paper ACM/1340 refers).
Para 12.4	Proposed Horizon Scanning Workshop Secretariat to trawl members for availability dates for workshop planned for Spring/summer 2020	Actioned.

Para 13.3	<p>Ad Hoc Group on Quarternary ammonium compounds (QACs) and Biocides used in food processing</p> <p>Members agreed that this situation of not being able to carry out risk assessment on this issue of the impact of plant protection products MRL rules on microbiological food safety should be drawn to the attention of the FSA's Senior leadership Team. The Committee's follow-up questions were: what can ACMSF do if the committee's role/operations are hampered by external forces? How can ACMSF engage with EU bodies in the future due to Brexit?</p>	<p>Committee's comments have been passed to the FSA. A meeting is being planned for the QACs and biocides subgroup to review any current issues. The FSA and Health and Safety Executive (regulator for the plant protection products rules) have representatives on the group.</p>
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RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/95)

<i>ACM/MIN/95 Para</i>	<i>Topic and action required</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
Para 8.4	<p>Literature review on botulism in cattle, sheep and goats: 2006 to 2019</p> <p>Dr Oakenfull to reflect on the points made on the literature review and revise the report as appropriate.</p>	<p>Work in progress. Revised report is expected to be presented at next plenary meeting.</p>

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/94)**

<i>ACM/MIN/94 Para</i>	<i>Topic and action required</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
Para 9.6	<p>Epidemiology of Foodborne Infections Group</p> <p>A member questioned how the data in paper ACM/1296 (Update on EFIG's activities) was presented pointing out that this could be presented in a more informative way. Secretariat to relay comments to EFIG secretariat to consider.</p>	<p>EFIG welcomed ACMSF's comments on the need to improve updates provided to the committee. The suggestions are being considered.</p>