

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 22 OCTOBER 2020 MEETING

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's ninety-seventh meeting held on 22 October 2020 and previous meetings.

Secretariat
April 2021

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/97)**

ACM/MIN/97 Para	Topic and action required	Action taken
Para 4	<p>Minutes of 96th meeting</p> <p>Members approved the minutes of the 96th meeting as a correct record subject to the following amendments.</p> <p>Secretariat to amend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference discussion: Secretariat to make clear in the minutes that no changes will be made to the terms of reference in line with the comments made by the committee's Chair and Deputy Chair (para 6.2 of minutes refers). • A member suggested an amendment to the final sentence in paragraph 7.4 (It is recognised that this advice does not extend to predictive modelling, which only considers growth, therefore the subgroup advises that modelling be conducted with expert advice). Suggested amendment to be sent to the secretariat. <p>Once the above amendments had been made the minutes would be regarded as an accurate record of the 96th meeting and posted on the ACMSF website.</p>	<p>Actioned.</p> <p>Actioned.</p>
Para 6	<p>ACMSF horizon scanning workshop 2020 summary of discussions and outputs</p> <p>Following discussion on the summary of discussions and outputs on the above workshop, the secretariat agreed to provide a progress report at the next plenary meeting.</p>	<p>Actioned (ACM/1355 and agenda item 13 refers).</p>

<p>Para 8</p>	<p>Epidemiology of Foodborne Infections Group</p> <p>Secretariat agreed to share EFIG's terms of reference with the Committee. Actioned (sent to members via correspondence).</p> <p>Concerning increase of non-regulated serovars in broiler flocks linked to the EU ban on the use of formaldehyde, Defra representative commented that APHA in Weybridge were investigating/working on alternatives to formaldehyde. He agreed to share any relevant information with the Committee. Actioned (information papers ACM/1362 to 1364 refers).</p>
<p>Para 9</p>	<p>STEC Research in Scotland</p> <p>Suggestion was made to Food Standards Scotland (FSS) to include the environment in its surveillance programme. ACMSF member offered to provide relevant material on Republic of Ireland's STEC environmental work FSS might find useful. Actioned (information sent to FSS).</p> <p>Defra representative commented that following a recent outbreak of <i>Salmonella</i> in Sheep a study is being designed to look at the prevalence of <i>Salmonella</i> in sheep in England and Wales (sampling cecal contents at abattoirs). He offered to check if study will cover <i>E.coli</i> and update FSS. Actioned (FSS has been updated).</p> <p>Defra representative to provide report of APHA study that looked at the dynamics of <i>E.coli</i> in cattle herd and super-shedders. FSS may find this useful. Actioned (information sent to FSS).</p>
<p>Para 10</p>	<p>Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group</p> <p>Review of Antibiotic Use in Crops, Associated Risk of AMR and Related Research Gaps. Reviewed in August/September 2020. Report was prepared by FERA Ltd for Defra and the FSA. Secretariat to circulate final report to full committee. Actioned. Report has been sent to members.</p>

Any Other Business		
Para 12	<p>Information paper ACM/1323 TBEV – draft risk assessment in relation to food that was considered at the January 2020 plenary:</p> <p>As advised by a member, secretariat to ask risk assessment author to categorise the section relating to raw drinking milk as “high uncertainty” as the paper is unclear on the number of people that drink raw milk in the 2 specified areas. This should be reflected in the paper’s summary statement/final remark.</p> <p>Secretariat to draw the risk assessment author’s attention to a point raised on the risk assessment regarding the current ACMSF classification of overall microbiological risk from RDM (page 1: paragraph 2). This should be corrected to “medium” not “low”.</p>	<p>Actioned. Members points have been passed to the FSA for action.</p> <p>Actioned. Members points have been passed to the FSA for action.</p>

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Para 8.3 (bullet 13)	<p>Tick-borne encephalitis virus – draft risk assessment in relation to food</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Actioned. Risk assessment was sent to members via correspondence.</p>

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/95)**

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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>Actioned. ACM/1352 and agenda item 7 refers.</p>

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

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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>Work in progress.</p> <p>EFIG welcomed ACMSF's comments on the need to improve updates provided to the committee. Awaiting PHE/APHA's response to the committee's suggestions.</p>