

Progress report on ACMSF recommendations

ACM/1195

Date	Issue considered by the Committee	Committee response/advice	Any action for FSA, progress	Was progress reported back to the Committee (when/how)?
March 2010	Risk to human health associated with foodborne viral infections especially with reference to norovirus	ACMSF Ad Hoc Group on Foodborne Viral Infections produced a report on viruses in the food chain (<i>Update on viruses in the food chain</i> ¹) which was approved by the full Committee in January 2015. Report was officially published in March 2015.	At the June 2015 ACMSF meeting the Committee was provided with an update on the Agency's progress to date in addressing some of the recommendations in the report ² .	Update provided to full Committee at plenary.
January 2013	Antimicrobial resistance and the food chain	ACMSF set up a subgroup to consider antimicrobial resistance in relation to the food chain. Subgroup had four meetings between October 2014 and September 2015.	<p>Subgroup's comments were taken into account on the various issues that have been brought to the group to consider such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency's systematic literature review to assess the significance of the food chain in the context of antimicrobial resistance • MRSA in the food chain including the FSA's risk assessment for LA MRSA in the food chain 	Updates on subgroup discussions provided at plenary meetings and meeting summaries placed on ACMSF website.

¹ <http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/acmsf-virus-report.pdf>

² http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/acm_1179_virus.pdf

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on extended-spectrum β-lactamase (ESBL) <i>Escherichia coli</i>: Quantifying ESBL-positive <i>E. coli</i> in retail raw meat & fresh produce in the UK 	
January 2015	Risk assessment of <i>Salmonella</i> from shell eggs	The Committee agreed to set up an Ad Hoc Group on Eggs to establish the current level of risk to consumers including vulnerable groups from eating raw or lightly cooked shell eggs or their products to determine whether the current FSA advice remains applicable.	The subgroup are currently gathering evidence for their report.	Updates on subgroup discussions provided at plenary meetings and meeting summaries placed on ACMSF website.
January 2015	Food safety risk of recycled manure solids use as bedding for dairy cattle	The FSA asked the Committee to consider the food safety implications of the use of green bedding/recycled manure solids for dairy cattle. ACMSF provided its opinion which can be found in the minutes of the January 2015 ACMSF meeting ³ .	ACMSF's comments have been forwarded to the FSA for consideration.	Update provided to full Committee at plenary.

³ http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/acm_min_84_final.pdf

January 2015	Social science research relating to microbiological food safety risks	As the Committee are updated on the findings of social science research which may have a bearing on the assessment of microbiological food safety risks, members commented on the findings from the Wave 3 of the Food and You Survey. ACMSF to be consulted on the protocols for Wave 4.	Advice noted by Social Science Research Unit/Social Science Research Committee.	Update provided to full Committee at plenary.
June 2015	Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) vaccination field trials	The Committee commented on a risk assessment conducted by Animal and Plant Health Agency on the safety of meat and milk from vaccinated animals participating in a field trial.	ACMSF's comments to be finalised at the 1 October 2015 plenary meeting and relayed to the FSA.	
June 2015	Microbiological Surveillance of food	ACMSF Surveillance Working Group considered the final report of the microbiological survey of <i>Campylobacter</i> contamination in fresh whole UK produced chilled chickens at retail (that was concluded in February 2015) and protocols for the next survey that started in July 2015.	Advice provided on the survey report together with comments on the ongoing survey were taken into account by the FSA.	Update to be provided to ACMSF at the October 2015 full Committee meeting.