

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD**  
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**WHO estimates of foodborne disease**

The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a news release on 3 December to announce the publication of a report by their Foodborne diseases burden epidemiology reference group entitled “WHO estimates of the global burden of foodborne diseases”. The news release highlighted that children under 5 years of age are at particularly high risk, with 125,000 children dying from foodborne diseases every year. Links to the press release and report are provided for Members’ information:

Press release: <http://who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/foodborne-disease-estimates/en/>

Report: [http://who.int/foodsafety/publications/foodborne\\_disease/fergreport/en/](http://who.int/foodsafety/publications/foodborne_disease/fergreport/en/)

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