

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD
INFORMATION PAPER

Update from the Scientific Advisory Committees

The Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs (ACAF)

The next meeting of ACAF will take place on 27 October 2016. Items on the agenda include:

Refuse Derived Fuels

The Committee will consider a paper outlining the existing controls and any potential safety issues with respect to the transport and storage of refuse derived fuels and make recommendations.

Feed additives

Geoff Brown (ACAF member) will seek the views of the Committee on communication with different sectors of the feed industry in order to emphasise the importance of compliance with Maximum Permitted levels set for feed additives.

Insect protein as a potential animal feed

Members will receive an update presentation on work carried out to evaluate the potential for the generation of economically viable feed products from insects.

Forward Work Plan

The Committee will be asked to agree its Forward Work Programme for 2016-17.

Appointments

A new animal feed law enforcement representative has recently been appointed to the Committee. The Member's first meeting will be on 27 October 2016.

The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT)

COT met on 1 September when the following items were discussed:

- First draft statement on potential risks from acrylamide in the diet of infants and young children
- Third draft statement on the introduction of allergenic foods to the infant diet and influence on the risk of development of atopic outcomes and autoimmune disease (reserved business)

- Second draft statement on evidence regarding maternal and infant dietary exposures and risk of atopic outcomes and autoimmune disease (reserved business)
- First draft addendum to the 2015 COT statement on potential risks from PBDEs in the infant diet
- First draft addendum to the 2015 COT statement on potential risks from hexabromocyclododecanes in the infant diet
- EFSA consultation on draft guidance document on the use of the benchmark dose in risk assessment

The next COT meeting will be on 6th December and the provisional agenda includes:

- Vitamin A
- Dioxins and BFRs in obese?
- Iodine?
- Shisha pipes
- Cadmium, Chromium and , Nickel
- E-cig?

The General Advisory Committee on Science (GACS)

The GACS is being replaced by a new FSA Science Council which will be set up in response to Recommendation 3 of the Triennial Review. The GACS and its working groups will continue to operate within their current remit until such time as they hand over to the new Council once it is established.

There are no further meetings of the GACS planned. The Committee continues to operate by correspondence.

Social Science Research Committee (SSRC)

The SSRC discussed the Triennial Review at the 17th meeting, the last meeting of the Committee in its current form. The FSA is implementing the Review's recommendations, currently by drafting the new terms of reference.

Secretariat
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