

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 26 JANUARY 2017 MEETING

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's ninetieth meeting held on 26 January 2017.

Secretariat
January 2018

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE NINETIETH (ACM/MIN/90)**

ACM/MIN/90 Para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 89th meeting</p> <p>Secretariat to amend minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2016 (paragraph 7.14) to read: "The Committee agreed that as the link between MAP and Crohn's disease has not been proven" rather than MAP food. The amended minutes would be posted on the ACMSF website.</p>	Actioned.
8.7	<p>Changes to plant protection product and biocide MRLs: potential impact on food safety</p> <p>The Committee agreed to explore the availability of evidence in relation to microbiological food safety that can be employed by the FSA to underpin its position in its negotiation with other Member States and the European Commission. Dr Dan Tucker, Dr Gwen Lowe and Ms Heather Lawson were asked to meet to suggest the types of data that would be available that might show that changes are occurring in process hygiene control systems.</p>	<p>Following investigation, the members asked to consider what types of data could be available that might show that changes are occurring in process hygiene control systems recognised this was an impracticable exercise as they could not readily identify any data source that could be used for a comparison of different cleaning products. The members also questioned the validity of such a before and after comparison of industry routine data in a working environment that was not controlled scientifically. It was agreed that any data in relation to the above would potentially be difficult to interpret.</p>
9.4	<p>Epidemiology of Foodborne Infections Group (EFIG)</p> <p>From the human data update members noted that the number of human Campylobacteriosis cases appears to continue to be dropping (it has decreased to the lowest rate reported in the last ten years). Members requested that future presentations be accompanied by relevant information that can help in clearly understanding these data such as looking at the details of cases at country level and England cases from a regional perspective. Secretariat to pass request to EFIG.</p>	Actioned. Paper ACM/1267 refers.