

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD
INFORMATION PAPER**

Updates from other Committees

Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs (ACAF)

The Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs met on 28 June 2018.

The following items were discussed:

- Follow-up on visit to the University of Liverpool's Dairy Unit.
- Update on the EU proposal on medicated feed
- Animal Feed Official Control Delivery Strategy
- Feed Additives and Over-supplementation
- Raw pet food

As the October 2018 meeting has been cancelled the next meeting will be in February 2019.

Advisory Committee for Social Science (ACSS)

The ACSS will meet on 4 December to discuss working group updates, collaborative working and continuous

The working group for risk communications will meet on 24 October to discuss the SC principles and the other or wider contextual issues relevant to the development of a risk communications framework.

The working group for Food and You are conducting interviews with relevant stakeholders who use the data, to find out how they use it and if it's suiting their needs.

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

COT met on 11 September to discuss the following:

- First draft interim position paper on potential risks from "energy drinks" in the diet of children and adolescents
- Review of potential risks from contaminants in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years:
 - a. Perchlorate
 - b. Chlorate
 - c. Furan

- Discussion paper on the potential risks from chromium in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years
- Discussion paper on the EFSA Opinion on “Risk to human health related to the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid in food. (Reserved Business)
- EFSA public consultation on the MIXTOX guidance

They will meet again on 23 October. The draft agenda is as follows:

- Review of potential risks from contaminants in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years
- First draft statement on the EFSA Opinion on “Risk to human health related to the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid in food”. (Reserved Business)
- Submission of data on PSI PRO irritant spray (Reserved Business)
- Phosphate-Based Flame Retardants and the Potential for Developmental Toxicity: A Scoping Paper
- Discussion paper on the basis for the Upper Level for Folic Acid
- Scoping paper on the potential risks from energy drinks in the diet of children and adolescents

FSA Science Council

Working Groups

The final reports and recommendations from two of the Science Council’s working groups on: science capability and assurance; and on risk and uncertainty have been formally handed over to the FSA and are available on the Science Council website¹. The reports will be considered by the FSA Board at its open meeting on 5 December 2018 together with proposals from the FSA executive for an action plan.

The Science Council Working Group on global food systems and horizon scanning will provide an interim report at the Council’s next open meeting in December.

The Council met in September to discuss draft terms of reference for a new working group on data. An update on this will also be provided at the December meeting.

¹ <https://science-council.food.gov.uk/science-council-subgroups/science-council-working-group-on-science-capability-and-assurance>
<https://science-council.food.gov.uk/science-council-subgroups/science-council-working-group-on-risk-and-uncertainty>

Key dates for the future:

The Science Council's fourth plenary meeting is planned for 12 December 2018 in London.

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