

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 5th DECEMBER 2006 AND MATTERS
OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-first meeting held on 5 December 2006. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

**Secretariat
March 2007**

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**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST MEETING (ACM/MIN/61) AND ACTIONS
OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 61 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	Minutes of 60th meeting Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting. Secretariat asked to arrange putting these on website.	Actioned
6.3	Listeria Update Members to revisit listeriosis in the UK in June 2007	HPA to provide update
7.3	Toxoplasmosis and food HPA to present a comprehensive overview of human toxoplasmosis in the UK, US and the Netherlands	Actioned. A presentation will be provided at March 2007 meeting
10	Hepatitis E Dr Brown to clarify which travel associated and non-travel associated patients were contacted by phone in	Actioned. Clarification has been circulated to Members
	AoB Dr Hilton to provide information paper on microbiological topics covered under the FSA's postgraduate scholarship scheme	Actioned. Information paper to be provided at March 2007 meeting

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 60 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
7.3	<p>Openness</p> <p>Secretariat to prepare paper on options for consideration by Members</p>	Work in progress
11.4	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>Secretariat to draw up terms of reference for an ad hoc group on vulnerable groups together with proposals that will assist the group in moving this issue forward</p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting</p>	<p>Actioned. Inaugural meeting of Group scheduled for 13 April 2007</p> <p>To be considered at the next horizon scanning round</p>
12.4	<p>Surveillance</p> <p>Secretariat to confirm if ACMSF had previously received information on the national survey database for local authorities</p>	Actioned. Information paper to be provided at March 2007 meeting

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 59 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
6.4	<p>Vacuum packaged and modified atmosphere packaged foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA to convene a small group to deliver simple summarised guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA in the process of finalising work plan for the vacuum packaging guidance but presently working towards having revised guidance ready for the June 2007 meeting
17.6; 17.7	<p>Public Q&A</p> <p>FSA to consider whether the 10 day rule proposed in the guidance on vacuum packaging would create barriers to trade.</p>	<p>FSA have sought advice whether a regulatory Impact assessment is required to consider the impact of the '10 day ruling' as a barrier to trade within the EU</p>