

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 15th MARCH 2007 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-second meeting held on 15 March 2007. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

**Secretariat
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**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING (ACM/MIN/62) AND
ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 62 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	Minutes of 61st meeting Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting. Secretariat asked to arrange putting these on website	Actioned
6.3	Toxoplasmosis and food Dr Guy to provide an update on proposed HPA case control study on toxoplasmosis once its underway Ad hoc Group on vulnerable groups to consider the risks posed by toxoplasmosis in food	Secretariat to arrange for update to be provided at a future meeting The Ad hoc Group on Vulnerable Groups met on 13 April. The Group agreed to include toxoplasmosis in food as part of its deliberations.
6.4	Dr Hilton to clarify whether MSFFG Group has considered toxoplasmosis in food	MSFFG considered publishing a report on research supported by its member organisations in the field of food-borne parasites in relation to the microbiological safety of food. However this was not progressed due to the very small number of research projects in this field

7.4	<p>Botulism in Sheep and Goats</p> <p>Secretariat to reconvene ad hoc group on botulism in cattle to consider the foodborne risk to human health linked to botulism or suspected botulism in sheep and goats</p>	<p>Actioned. Group met on 21 May 2007. Update to be provided at June 2007 meeting</p>
10.6	<p>Avian Influenza</p> <p>Reconvene Working Group on Avian Influenza to review recent avian influenza incident and current ACMSF assessment</p>	<p>Actioned. Group met on 9 May 2007. Update to be provided at June 2007 meeting</p>
11.4	<p>EFIG</p> <p>Review antibiotic resistance as a whole at a later date once new member had been recruited</p> <p>Ad hoc Group on emerging infections to examine ESBLs in relation to food and report back to the Committee</p>	<p>Work in progress. New member yet to be appointed</p> <p>Work in progress. Arrangements being made for Group to meet over Summer. A paper on ESBLs has been circulated to the Group for consideration</p>
13.2	<p>AoB</p> <p>EFIG to report back to ACMSF on outputs of national surveillance database at a future meeting</p> <p>ACMSF to receive presentation on probabilistic risk assessment techniques used in the food chain</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Work in progress</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

ACM/MIN/ 61 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
6.2	<p>Listeria</p> <p>Members to revisit listeriosis in June 2007.</p> <p>Secretariat to write to Dr McLauchlin asking him to provide an update on listeriosis in the UK</p>	<p>Actioned</p> <p>Update to be provided at June 2007 meeting</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

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>	<p>Work in progress. Paper to be provided at the September 2007 meeting</p>
11.4	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting</p>	<p>Consider at the next horizon scanning round in 2008</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

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 	FSA has convened the drafting group and will hold the 4 th meeting in May 07, working towards delivering the simple summarised guidance to the ACMSF September 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>	FSA seeking advice on whether a regulatory Impact assessment is required for the summary guidance, and in particular to consider the impact of the '10 day ruling' as a barrier to trade within the EU