

**INFORMATION PAPER**

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

**Investigation and management of sporadic gastrointestinal infections with potentially verocytotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli* in Scotland.**

The attached paper, for Members' information, reports the results of a survey of the extent to which the recommendations that :-

- all diarrhoeal stool specimens be examined for *E. coli* O157; and
- cases and close contacts of VTEC infection in groups posing a special risk of spreading gastrointestinal infection should be excluded from work/school until two consecutive negative stools have been obtained

are followed in Scotland.

**Secretariat**

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