

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE *CAMPYLOBACTER* WORKING GROUP

Meetings of the Working Group

1. Since the ACMSF last met, its *Campylobacter* Working Group has held one meeting, on 23 May 2003.
2. The principal item of business at that meeting was the consideration by Members of a partial draft of the Group's report. The Group has made good progress elaborating the core of its report. Aspects covered by the draft included :-
 - the disease, human immune response and pathogenesis;
 - *Campylobacter* epidemiology;
 - measures to prevent *Campylobacter* contamination of poultry meat;
 - measures to prevent *Campylobacter* cross-contamination in domestic and catering environments; and
 - detection and typing.
3. Further work is required both in relation to some of these aspects and in other areas (eg. the measures to prevent *Campylobacter* contamination of meat other than poultry meat).

Future work programme

4. The Working Group expects to make further substantial progress with the drafting of its report over the Summer. The aim is to have a draft ready for consideration by the full Committee at its 18 September 2003 meeting.

**Secretariat
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