

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD
(ACMSF)

SURVEILLANCE WORKING GROUP

1. To facilitate the process by which the ACMSF advises the Government on its programmes of microbiological food surveillance and other surveillance relevant to foodborne disease, the Committee agreed in 2000 to set up a standing Surveillance Working Group with the following terms of reference :-

To facilitate the provision of ACMSF advice to government in connection with its microbiological food surveillance programme and other surveillance relevant to foodborne disease, particularly in relation to the design, methodology, sampling and statistical aspects; and to report back regularly to the ACMSF.

2. Following the extensive changes in ACMSF membership from 1 April 2001, the membership of the Surveillance Working Group was also revised. The new membership is as follows :-

Chairman : Professor T J Humphrey

Members : Mrs P Jefford

Professor M J Gasson

Mr A Kyriakides

Dr S J O'Brien

3. The newly-constituted Group's first task was to comment on the draft protocol for the Food Standards Agency's planned survey of *Salmonella* contamination of UK-produced shell eggs destined for retail sale. The Group's comments are attached.

Secretariat
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