

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

### HORIZON SCANNING

#### Topics for initial consideration

1. As part of the Committee's horizon scanning, 3 topics have been identified for further work. These are imported foods; newly-emerging pathogens; and changing social habits (including overseas travel). Three small *Ad Hoc* Groups have been set up to take matters forward in the first instance.

#### Terms of reference

2. The Groups have been tasked with assembling information on the current situation on these topics in order to decide whether there is a potential problem in relation to the microbiological safety of food; and with recommending to the ACMSF whether the Committee needs to undertake further action.

#### Membership

3. Membership of the Groups is as follows :-

##### ***Imported foods***

Chair : Ms Sue Davies

Members : Professor Mac Johnston  
Mr Alec Kyriakides  
Mr David Piccaver

##### ***Newly-emerging pathogens***

Chair : Professor Paul Hunter

Members : Dr David Brown  
Dr Katherine Hadley  
Professor Patience Mensah  
Dr Sarah O'Brien

***Changing social habits (including overseas travel)***

Chair : Dr Geoff Andrews

Members : Professor Tom Humphrey  
Mrs Patricia Jefford  
Mr Brian Peirce