

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY STRATEGY FOR THE CONTROL OF MAP
IN COWS' MILK**

1. Attached for the information of Members is a progress report on implementation of the FSA's strategy for the control of MAP in cows' milk.
2. One significant amendment to the strategy centres on the setting up of a consultative group of major stakeholders. The FSA has, on reflection, decided that a formal consultative group would not represent the best use of resources. The Agency has decided that such a group would be administratively burdensome and would lack the flexibility to allow appropriate focus on the vital issues. The Agency has concluded that, instead, it would be more effective to set up *ad hoc* meetings of relevant stakeholders and experts for discussion of specific issues, as the need arises, to help inform FSA thinking.
3. The Agency has established a list of stakeholders and interested parties, which includes the ACMSF, and intends to issue development up-dates on a periodic basis.

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Food Standards Agency : First progress report on strategy for the control of *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* (MAP) in cows' milk.

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