

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

AD HOC GROUP ON INFANT BOTULISM

1. Members agreed at the Committee's 49th meeting in September 2003 that an *Ad Hoc* Group should be set up to assist with the formulation of advice for the Food Standards Agency on infant weaning foods and the risk of infant botulism. The background is given in ACM/653.
2. The composition of the *Ad Hoc* Group is as follows :-

Chair

Dr S J O'Brien

Members

Dr K Hadley

Mr A Kyriakides

Ms E Lewis

Mr P Mepham

Professor M Peck (Institute of Food Research)

Dr M Stringer (Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association)

Assessors

Dr J Hilton (FSA/Microbiological Safety Division)

3. The Group's provisional terms of reference are ***to consider the potential human health risk associated with the consumption of chilled or frozen, puréed baby foods, particularly in relation to Clostridium botulinum and infant botulism, to inform the development of ACMSF advice to the Food Standards Agency.***

Secretariat

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