

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD**  
**NEWLY-EMERGING PATHOGENS WORKING GROUP**

The Committee agreed at its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting to the setting up of a standing Newly-Emerging Pathogens Working Group. This Group has now been established. Membership and terms of reference are as follows :-

**Membership**

**Chair**

Professor P R Hunter

**Members**

Dr D W G Brown

Dr K M Hadley

Professor A M Johnston

Mr A Kyriakides

Dr S J O'Brien

**Terms of reference**

The terms of reference of the Newly-Emerging Pathogens Working Group are to :-

- gather intelligence on a continuous basis in order to facilitate the rapid identification of potential threats to UK consumers from exposure to newly-emerging or re-emerging pathogens through food chain exposure pathways;
- assess the significance of newly-emerging or re-emerging foodborne pathogens; and
- undertake any risk assessment work on newly-emerging or re-emerging pathogens referred to it by the Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food;

in each case consulting other experts as necessary.

**Secretariat**  
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