

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**EFFECTS OF NITRITES/NITRATES ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY
OF MEAT**

1. Attached for the information of Members are extracts from the Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards of the European Food Safety Authority on a request from the Commission related to the effects of nitrates/nitrites on the microbiological safety of meat products. The extracts comprise a summary, terms of reference, and conclusion answering to the terms of reference.
2. The full Opinion is available at :-

<http://www.efsa.eu.int/p_biohazard_en.html>

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Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards on the request from the Commission related to the Effects of Nitrites/Nitrates on the Microbiological Safety of Meat Products.

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