

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 52nd MEETING

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's fifty-second meeting held on 24 June 2004.

**Secretariat
September 2004**

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**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING (ACM/MIN/52)**

ACM/MIN/52 paragraph	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	Minutes of 51st meeting Secretariat to arrange for approved minutes to be posted on website.	Required action taken by Secretariat in June 2004.
7.7	Botulism in Cattle Secretariat to identify membership for the <i>ad hoc</i> Group and arrange meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership has been agreed and the Group will meet on 23 September. • Draft terms of reference have been sent to the ACMSF Chair for agreement in September.
8.7	Ad Hoc Group on Sewage Sludge Secretariat to check whether there were any outstanding issues for this Group.	Secretariat confirmed all the work of this Group has been concluded. Therefore this Group can be stood down.
8.9	Imported Foods Chairman and Secretariat to discuss mechanisms for taking work of this Group forward and identify a new Chair.	Mr Mepham has agreed to Chair this Group. The Group will be meeting on the afternoon of 16 September.
8.12	Newly-emerging pathogens Members to indicate their consent to sign up to the message board. Secretariat to take forward.	Members have confirmed their consent. Secretariat currently in the process of registering Members to use the message board.
8.15	Committee sub-group Review of the ad hoc and working Groups to become a standing agenda item at ACMSF meetings	This item will be taken at agenda item 10 of this meeting.

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9.5	<p>Undiagnosed encephalitis in ruminants Dr Brown agreed to keep the Committee updated on developments.</p>	<p>Secretariat circulated Health Protection Agency's press release statement on 28 June 2004.</p>
12.3	<p>Microbiological control of doner kebabs Food Standards Agency requested to provide a briefing paper</p>	<p>This is on the agenda for this meeting to be taken at agenda item 9</p>
12.4	<p><i>E-coli</i> Food Standards Agency requested to provide a briefing paper updating Members on implementation of the Task Force's recommendations.</p>	<p>This item is scheduled for the agenda for the December ACMSF meeting.</p>
12.5	<p>Study of external packaging of raw meat and offal from retail premises Secretariat requested to clarify with Health Protection Agency (HPA) why no mention was made of where packaging had been stored.</p>	<p>HPA commented that because the meat samples were taken from retail premises the information on the storage of packaging was not collected / known. However, it should be noted that the samples where the packaging was broken at the point of purchase had higher contamination levels. HPA also noted that there is a move away from cling film packaging and into heat sealed packaging which also results in less direct contact with the meat product.</p>
13.2	<p>Sound quality at ACMSF meetings Secretariat requested to look into options to improve sound quality at meetings</p>	<p>Secretariat exploring various options at present.</p>