

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

INFORMATION PAPER

**WORKING GROUPS AND *AD HOC* GROUPS MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS
OF REFERENCE**

At the June 2004 meeting, Members received a list of the Membership and Terms of Reference for current Working Groups and *Ad Hoc* Groups (ACM/696). As there have recently been some changes to the membership of these Groups, a revised list is attached for the information of Members.

**Secretariat
September 2004**

Surveillance Working Group

To facilitate the provision of ACMSF advice to government in connection with its microbiological food surveillance programme and other surveillance relevant to foodborne disease, particularly in relation to the design, methodology, sampling and statistical aspects; and to report back regularly to the ACMSF.

Chair

Professor T J Humphrey

Members

Professor M J Gasson

Mr A Kyriakides

Dr S J O'Brien

Vacancy

Ad Hoc Group on Risk Assessment

To consider whether the ACMSF would be helped by following a formal structure for the process of risk assessment; if so, to recommend an appropriate structure which might be adopted; and to report back with recommendations to the ACMSF.

Chair

Professor W J Reilly

Members

Mr J Bassett

Dr D W G Brown

Ms S Davies

Professor P R Hunter

Dr M J Painter

Dr Q D Sandifer

Ad Hoc Group on Imported Foods

To assemble information on the current situation in the area of imported foods in order to decide whether there is a potential problem in relation to the microbiological safety of food; and to recommend to the ACMSF whether the Committee needs to undertake further action.

Chair

Mr P Mepham

Members

Mr A Kyriakides

Miss L Noddings

Mr D T Piccaver

Professor L V Piddock

Ad Hoc Group on Newly-emerging pathogens

To assemble information on the current situation in the area of newly-emerging pathogens in order to decide whether there is a potential problem in relation to the microbiological safety of food; and to recommend to the ACMSF whether the Committee needs to undertake further action.

Chair

Professor P R Hunter

Members

Dr D W G Brown
Dr K M Hadley
Mr A Kyriakides
Professor S J O'Brien

Ad Hoc Group on Infant Botulism

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.

Chair

Professor S J O'Brien

Members

Dr K M Hadley
Mr A Kyriakides
Ms E Lewis
Mr P Mephram
Professor M Peck
Dr M Stringer

Ad Hoc Group on Botulism in Cattle

Terms of reference to be agreed.

Chair

Professor W J Reilly

Members

Dr M Brett
Mr A Kyriakides
Ms E Lewis
Mr P McMullin
Mr P Mephram
Mr D Piccaver
Professor P Williams

***Campylobacter* Working Group**

To identify any important gaps and omissions in action taken to reduce *Campylobacter* in food and food sources and in the knowledge base; and to develop advice which will assist the Food Standards Agency in evolving its strategy for reducing the incidence of foodborne *Campylobacter* infection in humans.

Chair

Professor W J Reilly

Members

Mr M Attenborough

Ms S Davies

Professor M Gasson

Professor T Humphrey

Professor P Hunter

Mr A Kyriakides

Ms E Lewis

Professor S O'Brien

Mr B Peirce