

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

Draft report on minimally processed infant weaning foods and the risk of infant botulism

1. In September 2003, the ACMSF set up an *ad hoc* group to develop advice on the potential risk to human health associated with the consumption of chilled or frozen baby foods, particularly in relation to *Clostridium botulinum*. In December 2004, this Group presented an interim report of its work to the Committee.
2. Professor O'Brien will introduce the attached draft final Report that the *Ad Hoc* Group has produced. Members are invited to comment on the report.
3. Members will wish to be aware that the Report will undergo a period of public consultation following the Members' discussion. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the ACMSF at the December meeting.

**Secretariat
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