

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 57th MEETING AND MATTERS
OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's fifty-seventh meeting held on 22 September 2005. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

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RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/57) AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 56 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 56th meeting Secretariat to arrange for approved minutes to be posted on website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actioned.
6.3	<p>DWI report case study on MAP risk factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA to consider further the survival of MAP in solid foods. • FSA to seek opinion from SACN on a possible association between total animal protein and Crohn's Disease • FSA to amend advice on cooking of meat in papers ACM/754 and ACM/752 to be consistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACMSF comments passed to FSA's Meat Hygiene and Veterinary Division for consideration. • ACMSF's views passed to SACN Secretariat for consideration. • Actioned.
7.4	<p>Update on <i>Listeria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA to consider the need for provision of further research and surveillance resources (epidemiological and food) to investigate <i>Listeria</i>. • Secretariat to mark item forward for review in June 2006. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA have already issued a Research Requirement on <i>Listeria</i> epidemiology. Proposals are due to be received by the FSA on 9 December 2005 for consideration. FSA also considering surveys to look at the prevalence of <i>Listeria</i> in high risk foods. • Actioned.
10.4	<p>Working Group on Surveillance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to consider the design of sampling programmes and sample numbers at a future meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group on Surveillance to report on its work in this area to the ACMSF in March 2006. • Update to be provided to the Working Group on Surveillance meeting on 1 December.
10.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA to provide Group with feed-back on Group's comments. 	
12.1	<p>Any other business FSA to ensure ACMSF is provided with data from HPA in a timely manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS		
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7.8	<p>Illegal importation of meat – public health risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to further discuss issues raised in Roger Skinner's report when a second report on illegal import controls is presented to the ACMSF at a future meeting. • Committee to keep bush meat on the agenda as part of horizon scanning activities. • Consider availability of seized meat to help quantify risk, exposure characterisation and animal origin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Skinner's report and report on illegal import controls considered by the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Group on Imported Foods at October 2005 meeting. • Imported Foods Group to present final report at December ACMSF meeting – paper ACM/764 circulated. • Considered by the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Group at their October meeting.
8.3	<p>Infant Botulism</p> <p>Issue infant botulism report for public consultation with a view to finalising the report at the end of the year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public consultation period started on 27 September and will finish on 30 December.
ACM/MIN/ 55 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
8.3	<p>Report from the Defra Antimicrobial Resistance Co-ordination Group</p> <p>Secretariat to provide a summary of progress on all the recommendations from the ACMSF Report on Microbial Antibiotic Resistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in progress. Currently waiting for publication of a report of a Defra review of research on antimicrobial resistance. Marked forward to discuss at the March 2006 meeting.
ACM/MIN/ 54 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
8.4	<p>FSA consultation on vac-packed/MAP foods Guidance</p> <p>FSA to commission an independent review of scientific evidence and to present this to the ACMSF for further consideration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in progress. Project commissioned with a view to starting in December 2005. Marked forward to discuss at June 2006 meeting.