

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD**

**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 June 2005, this Group presented a final draft report of its work to the Committee.
2. At the June meeting, the ACMSF agreed to publish the Report for public consultation. The consultation took place between September and December 2005. Comments received in response to the consultation were considered by the *ad hoc* Group (Annex II) and several minor amendments were made to the Report (Annex I).
3. Members are invited to:
  - (i) Approve the revised report provided at Annex I and agree that the Report on minimally processed infant weaning foods and the risk of infant botulism should be submitted to the FSA Chair for approval for final publication by autumn 2006.
  - (ii) Approve the ACMSF response to the consultation provided at Annex II for publication on the FSA website.

**Secretariat  
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