

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

CAMPYLOBACTER WORKING GROUP

Meetings of the Working Group

1. The *Campylobacter* Working Group has met on 3 occasions to date.
2. At the first meeting, on 22 February 2002, the Group recognised that 2 years might well elapse before a final report would be ready for submission to the Food Standards Agency (FSA). Members therefore agreed that tranches of advice should be cleared with the full ACMSF and then fed into the FSA as and when they became available. The Group identified a number of areas of work for possible "fast-tracking". Particular tasks were identified for action by members in the short-term. These related to research, food surveillance, farm practice, detection and typing, and human infections.
3. At its second meeting, on 15 April, the Group considered members' suggestions on sources of information and for orientation visits. Members also considered data on research, surveillance, and human infections, and a preliminary draft outline chapter on on-farm control measures against *Campylobacter* spp.. Consideration was also given to a forward work programme.
4. The Group held a third meeting on 21 May. The main items of business were a presentation by Lloyd Maunder Ltd on poultry production and processing, and a preliminary draft outline chapter on detection and typing methods.

First tranche of advice to FSA

5. The Group hopes to be able to submit a first tranche of advice to the FSA in September about on-farm control measures. Once the Working Group has an agreed draft, this will be circulated to ACMSF members for clearance in correspondence for submission to the FSA.

**Secretariat
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