

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

CMO STRATEGY : GETTING AHEAD OF THE CURVE

1. The Chairman of the ACMSF wrote to the Food Standards Agency on 2 May about the CMO's Strategy : Getting Ahead of the Curve (see ACM/589).
2. A copy of the FSA's reply is attached for the information of members.

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Thank you for your letter of 2 May expressing the ACMSF's concern about the implications of the proposed new Health Protection Agency for the microbiological food safety functions of PHLS.

The FSA recognises the importance of all the points you make in your letter. We will be taking these up in our discussions with DH and I am grateful for the ACMSF's support. Our recent preliminary discussions with DH indicate that they fully acknowledge the importance of maintaining the functions and service in the food microbiology area, both epidemiological and microbiological.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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