

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

Report on botulism in cattle

1. In June 2004, the ACMSF set up an *ad hoc* group to consider the potential human health risk associated with botulism or suspected botulism in cattle, particularly in relation to the spreading of poultry litter on agricultural land. In December 2005, this Group presented a final draft report of its work to the Committee.
2. At the December meeting, the ACMSF agreed to publish the Report for public consultation. The consultation took place between January and April 2006. 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 botulism in cattle should be submitted to the FSA Chair for approval for final publication by early 2007.
 - (ii) Approve the ACMSF response to the consultation provided at Annex II for publication on the FSA website.*

Secretariat
September 2006

*The table of consultation responses can be found on the FSA website at:
<http://www.food.gov.uk/Consultations/ukwideconsults/?year=2006&completed=Yes>