

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING AND  
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-fourth meeting held on 27 September 2007. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

**Secretariat  
December 2007**

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

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE  
MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/64) AND  
ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

<b>ACM/MIN/ 64 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
4.1	<p><b>Minutes of 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting</b></p> <p>Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting subject to a minor amendment to paragraph 6.2 penultimate line to read 'storage and food production rather than changes in the organism based on conventional typing techniques'. Secretariat asked to arrange for the minutes to be placed on the website.</p>	Actioned.
6.2	<p><b>Safe cooking times for poultry</b></p> <p>FSA/Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association (CCFRA) to include statistical information outlining how the study was designed and analysed in the final report.</p>	Work in progress. FSA is liaising with CCFRA over this issue.
6.3	FSA to consider reinforcing cooking advice and including information on the use of foil and basting.	Work in progress. FSA currently considering how to present the new cooking advice.
9.4	<p><b>Food safety advice on flooding</b></p> <p>FSA to consider comments raised by Members the development of its food safety advice on flooding.</p>	Work in progress. FSA in the process of considering the Committee's comments.

14.3	<p><b>Public questions and answers</b></p> <p>FSA to contact Dr Richard Meldrum to amend ACM/865 (Update on poultry surveillance) to include typographical and editorial amendments suggested in the public Q&amp;A session.</p> <p>Secretariat to send written response to Dr Rowe to address whether there were any differences between the S.Ohio serotypes in Wales and Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>Actioned.</p> <p>Actioned. Written response sent to Dr Rowe.</p>
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**ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING**

<b>ACM/MIN/ 63 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
8.3	<b>Foodborne viral infections</b>  Committee to revisit foodborne viral infections. However this will focus on food transfer rather than revisiting previously identified areas in the 1998 report.	Work in progress. This issue is marked forward for consideration at a future meeting.

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<b>ACM/MIN/ 62 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
6.3	<p><b>Toxoplasmosis and food</b></p> <p>Dr Guy to provide an update on proposed HPA case control study on toxoplasmosis once it is underway.</p>	<p>Secretariat to arrange for update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>
11.4	<p><b>EFIG</b></p> <p>Review antibiotic resistance as a whole at a later date once new ACMSF member has been recruited.</p> <p>Newly-emerging pathogens working group to examine ESBLs in relation to food and report back to the Committee.</p>	<p>Work in progress. FSA stakeholder meeting on antibiotic resistance in the food chain took place on 29 November 2007. Results of meeting to inform work on an FSA strategy on antibiotic resistance in the food chain.</p> <p>Work in progress. Group met on 26 July and 16 November 2007. Group aims to report to Committee at the March 2008 meeting.</p>
13.2	<p><b>AoB</b></p> <p>EFIG to report back to ACMSF on outputs of national surveillance database at a future meeting.</p> <p>ACMSF to receive presentation on probabilistic risk assessment techniques used in the food chain.</p>	<p>Work in progress. EFIG discussion on database deferred to 2009 when it is expected that the database will be rolled out throughout the UK.</p> <p>Work in progress. For discussion at the March 2008 meeting.</p>

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<b>ACM/MIN/ 60 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
7.3	<p><b>Openness</b></p> <p>Secretariat to prepare paper on options for consideration by Members.</p>	<p>Work in progress. Paper to be provided at a future meeting.</p>
11.4	<p><b>Horizon scanning</b></p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Consider at the next horizon scanning round in 2008/9.</p>