

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

DISCUSSION PAPER

RISK PROFILE IN RELATION TO TOXOPLASMA IN THE FOOD CHAIN

1. The *Ad Hoc* Group on Vulnerable Groups met between December 2008 and April 2011 to consider the current evidence on toxoplasmosis in humans and animals in the UK and to produce a risk profile in relation to toxoplasma in the food chain.
2. At the September 2011 meeting, the *Ad Hoc* Group presented a draft report of its work to the Committee (ACM 1034a). At that meeting the ACMSF agreed the report should be the subject of a public consultation exercise. This public consultation took place between December 2011 and March 2012.
3. Comments received in replies to the consultation have been considered by the *Ad Hoc* Group and responses given to the issues raised. The report has been amended in response to the comments received. Members will see from the table of consultation responses that a number of the comments related to risk management issues which were outside the remit of the ACMSF. These issues will be brought to the attention of the FSA with the final report and consultation responses once approved by the ACMSF.
4. Members are invited to:
 - Approve the attached ACMSF response (ACM/1067a) to the consultation for publication on the FSA website
 - Approve the report (ACM/1067b) and agree that it should be submitted to the FSA Chief Scientist for approval for final publication.

**Secretariat
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