

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD
REVIEW OF SCIENCE GOVERNANCE IN THE FSA

At its meeting on 11 July 2012 the Food Standards Agency (FSA) Board considered a report by the Chief Scientist of a review of science governance in the FSA.

Dr Patrick Miller from the Chief Scientist Team will update the Committee on the outcome of the review and the proposals that are most relevant to the Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs).

Board paper FSA 12/07/04 is attached. Members will wish to note in particular:

- The Science Checklist (the key tool the Agency uses in preparing papers and proposals that deal with science-based issues or draw on advice from the SACs) has been revised to expand its use and scope (Annexe B).
- The Good Practice Guidelines which set out the principles by which the SACs work, complementing the Science Checklist, have been updated (Annexe C).
- A framework for dialogue and iteration between the FSA and the SACS has been proposed (Annexe D).

Members are invited to comment on the review and the revised documents and to raise any questions they may have on how it will affect the work of the ACMSF.

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ACM/1095a – FSA Board paper 12/07/04 can be found at:
<http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/board/fsa120704.pdf>