

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 27 JUNE 2011 MEETING AND MATTERS  
OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's seventy-fifth meeting held on 27 June 2011. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

### RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/75) AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 75 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p><b>Minutes of 74<sup>th</sup> meeting</b></p> <p>Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting subject to a minor amendment to paragraph 6.5 to remove 'in' from fourth sentence.</p>	Actioned.
6.6	<p><b><i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> and the possible health risks associated with unpasteurised milk and milk products part II</b></p> <p>Members found it difficult to draw a robust conclusion on the risks to consumers associated with <i>M.bovis</i> and unpasteurised milk and milk products based on the data presented. The Chair suggested a small group to consider any additional data provided by the Secretariat/FSA.</p>	Actioned. Mr Bassett, Professor McDowell and Professor O'Brien met and considered a revised risk assessment document. Paper ACM/1047 refers.
7.3	<p><b>A report of the quinquennial review of the ACMSF</b></p> <p>ACMSF response to be provided to FSA.</p>	Actioned. Information paper ACM/1041 refers. Report and response published on ACMSF website ( <a href="http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/acmsfrefs/acmsfquin">http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/acmsfrefs/acmsfquin</a> ).

<b>ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS</b>		
<b>ACM/MIN/ 74 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
6.8	<p><b>Horizon scanning</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed the horizon scanning proposal as suggested by Mr Kyriakides, Professor McDowell, Mr Bassett and Ms Buller. To progress this subject members agreed that there may be the need to draw on the expertise from other FSA Scientific Advisory Committees (SAC). Members recommended that paper (ACM/1007) is submitted to the FSA.</p>	<p>Work in progress. Secretariat liaising with other SAC secretariats and the FSA on taking forward ACMSF horizon scanning proposals.</p>
7.6	<p><b>Raw Milk</b></p> <p>Following evidence presented by the FSA on the health risks to consumers associated with unpasteurised milk for direct human consumption, the Committee indicated that if data on changing sales routes is gathered (by the FSA) there may be a need to review the risks from raw drinking milk.</p>	<p>Work in progress. FSA is currently considering the need for data on sales of raw drinking milk in light of the evolving market.</p>

<b>ACM/MIN/ 68 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
8.6	<p><b>Survey of <i>Listeria</i> in retail smoked fish</b></p> <p>FSA to revisit its advice on <i>Listeria</i> when more information from other surveys is published.</p>	<p>Actioned. FSA survey of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and other microorganisms in cooked sliced meat and pâtés at retail was published in May 2011. Report can be found at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.food.gov.uk/science/surveillance/fsisbranch2011/listeria">http://www.food.gov.uk/science/surveillance/fsisbranch2011/listeria</a></p>

<b>ACM/MIN/ 67 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
7.7	<p><b>IID Study</b></p> <p>FSA to provide an interim update to ACMSF on the Infectious Intestinal Disease Study 2 (IID2) project prior to its completion in 2010.</p>	<p>Actioned. IID2 report was published on 6 September 2011. A presentation on the outcome of the study will be provided by Professor Sarah O'Brien under agenda item 6.</p>