

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 22 SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's seventy-sixth meeting held on 22 September 2011. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

**Secretariat
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RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/76) AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 76 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 75th meeting</p> <p>Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting. Secretariat asked to arrange for the minutes to be placed on the website.</p>	Actioned.
8.4	<p>Risk profile in relation to Toxoplasma in the food chain</p> <p>Members made a number of comments and suggested additions to the draft risk profile. Subject to these amendments the report was approved for public consultation.</p>	<p>Actioned. Amendments have been made and the report was published for public consultation in December 2011. The consultation closes on 07 March 2012.</p> <p>http://www.food.gov.uk/consultations/ukwideconsults/2011/riskprofiletoxoplasmafoodchain</p>
9.5	<p>Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP): Report on quality, safety and use of digestate in UK agriculture</p> <p>ACMSF WRAP group to re-convene to consider the above report and provide the Committee with a recommended ACMSF response.</p>	Actioned. ACM/1050 has been circulated to Members. Paper will be introduced by Mr Paul McMullin.
10.4	<p><i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> and the possible health risks associated with unpasteurised milk and milk products</p> <p>ACMSF's agreed risk assessment on the above to be forwarded to the FSA Board for consideration.</p>	Actioned. The outcome of the ACMSF's risk assessments on <i>M. bovis</i> and milk and milk products was reported to the FSA Board in

		<p>November 2011. The report included the conclusions of the ACMSFs assessment on the health risks from raw drinking milk. The FSA Board will consider a paper in March 2012 outlining current policy on raw milk and considering further work that could be undertaken.</p>
	<p>The Committee to consider risk assessment formats at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Actioned. ACM/1049 has been circulated to Members. Secretariat (Dr Paul Cook) to present paper on potential approaches to ACMSF risk assessment.</p>
12.1	<p>Role assessors</p> <p>Secretariat was asked to explore the option of having an ACMSF assessor from the Department of Health</p>	<p>Actioned. Department of Health has confirmed that Mrs Maggie Tomlinson will be their ACMSF assessor (now referred to as departmental representatives).</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS		
ACM/MIN/ 74 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
6.8	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>The Committee agreed the horizon scanning proposals as suggested by Mr Kyriakides, Professor McDowell, Mr Bassett and Ms Buller and recommended that paper (ACM/1007) was submitted to the FSA. Members agreed that changes in food</p>	<p>Actioned. ACMSF catering members to give a presentation on changing food preparation practices in the hospitality sector that may have an impact on microbiological food</p>

	preparation practices in the kitchen, catering and retail should be the top priority.	safety.
7.6	<p>Raw Milk</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. The outcome of the ACMSF's risk assessments on <i>M. bovis</i> and milk and milk products and the health risks from raw drinking milk was reported to the FSA Board in November 2011. The Board will consider a paper in March 2012 outlining current policy on raw milk and considering further work that could be undertaken.</p>