

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

DISCUSSION ITEM

HORIZON SCANNING

When the Committee considered horizon scanning at its January 2011 meeting (ACM/1007), four areas were identified based on cross-cutting themes, these were:

- risks presented by changes in food preparation techniques,
- risks presented by underlying agricultural changes,
- risks presented by globalisation of food sourcing and production,
- risks presented by changes in food processing and production.

The Committee agreed to prioritise consideration of changing food preparation techniques in the hospitality sector that may impact on microbiological food safety.

Vivianne Buller and David Nuttall will present the findings of an exercise they have undertaken to gather information on emerging issues in the catering sector to inform discussion on this topic.

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