

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 6th DECEMBER 2007 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-fifth meeting held on 6 December 2007. 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 SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/65) AND ACTIONS
OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 65 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 64th 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.
6.3	<p>Listeria update</p> <p>Secretariat to circulate to Members a detailed document which supported paper ACM/879 (Update on Listeriosis in England and Wales) presented by the Health Protection Agency.</p>	Actioned.
6.5	<p>Ad Hoc Group on Vulnerable Groups were requested to consider in detail the data provided by HPA including the influence of any potential biases and other analytical approaches which could address the issues raised.</p>	Work in progress. Ad Hoc Group met on 13 December 2007. They are at present drafting their interim report on listeria which they intend to present to the Committee in June 2008.
7.5	<p>Egg Surveillance</p> <p>FSA to consider revising its advice on eggs to reflect the risks posed by vaccinated and unvaccinated eggs and cross contamination during storage and handling of shell and pooled eggs.</p>	Work in progress. FSA currently considering its egg advice in light of comments made by the Committee.

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

ACM/MIN/ 64 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
6.2	<p>Safe cooking times for poultry</p> <p>FSA/Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association (CCFRA) to include statistical information outlining how the study was designed and analysed in the final report.</p> <p>FSA to consider reinforcing cooking advice and including information on the use of foil and basting.</p>	<p>Work in progress. FSA is liaising with CCFRA over this issue.</p> <p>Actioned. FSA's cooking advice has been updated.</p>
9.4	<p>Food safety advice on flooding</p> <p>FSA to consider comments raised by Members in the development of its food safety advice on flooding.</p>	<p>Work in progress. FSA in the process of considering the Committee's comments.</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

ACM/MIN/ 63 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
8.3	Foodborne viral infections Committee to revisit the foodborne viral infections Report. Work will focus on food transfer rather than revisiting previously identified areas in the 1998 Report.	Work in progress. This issue is marked forward for consideration at a future meeting.

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

ACM/MIN/ 62 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
6.3	<p>Toxoplasmosis and food</p> <p>Dr Guy to provide an update on proposed HPA case control study on toxoplasmosis once it is underway.</p>	<p>Secretariat to arrange for update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>
11.4	<p>EFIG</p> <p>Review antibiotic resistance as a whole at a later date once new ACMSF member has been recruited.</p> <p>Newly-emerging pathogens working group to examine ESBLs in relation to food and report back to the Committee.</p>	<p>Work in progress. FSA stakeholder meeting on antibiotic resistance in the food chain took place on 29 November 2007. Results of meeting are being used to inform work on an FSA strategy on antibiotic resistance in the food chain.</p> <p>Actioned. Dr David Brown to present the Group's report at the March 2008 meeting.</p>
13.2	<p>AoB</p> <p>EFIG to report back to ACMSF on outputs of national surveillance database at a future meeting.</p> <p>ACMSF to receive presentation on probabilistic risk assessment techniques used in the food chain.</p>	<p>Work in progress. EFIG discussion on database deferred to 2009 when it is expected that the database will be rolled out throughout the UK.</p> <p>Actioned. Dr Rowena Kosmider to give presentation at March 2008 meeting.</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING		
ACM/MIN/60 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
7.3	<p>Openness</p> <p>Secretariat to prepare paper on options for consideration by Members.</p>	<p>Work in progress. Paper to be provided at a future meeting.</p>
11.4	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Consider at the next horizon scanning round in 2008/9.</p>