

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 11 MARCH 2008 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-six meeting held on 11 March 2008. 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-SIXTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/66) AND ACTIONS
OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 66 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 65th 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>Microbiological safety of ready to eat salads</p> <p>FSA to consider revising advice on ready to eat salads to remove the recommendation to wash these products.</p> <p>FSA to amend paper ACM/891 to include the experimental detail supporting the quoted research.</p> <p>HPA to present an update on the microbiological status of ready to eat salads at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Work in progress.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p> <p>An update is planned for the September meeting.</p>

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETING

ACM/MIN/ 65 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
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>	<p>Work in progress. FSA currently considering its egg advice in light of comments made by the Committee.</p>

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>Work in progress. FSA is liaising with CCFRA over this issue.</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>	Secretariat to arrange for update to be provided at a future meeting.
13.2	<p>AoB</p> <p>EFIG to report back to ACMSF on outputs of national surveillance database at a future meeting.</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.

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>	Work in progress. Paper to be provided at a future meeting.
11.4	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting.</p>	Consider at the next horizon scanning round in 2008/9.