

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 5 JUNE 2008 MEETING AND MATTERS
OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-seventh meeting held on 5 June 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-SEVENTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/67) AND
ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 67 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 66th 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.
7.7	<p>IID Study</p> <p>FSA to provide an interim update to ACMSF on the IID2 project at a future meeting.</p>	Work in progress. Update to be provided at a future meeting.
8.4	<p>Botulism in Sheep and Goats</p> <p>Secretariat to arrange a public consultation on the ACMSF's draft Report on Botulism in Sheep and Goats.</p>	Actioned. Report was published for public consultation in July 2008.
9.3	<p>Good Practice Guidance</p> <p>Secretariat to reduce and focus the information it provides to its ad hoc Groups to reflect terms of reference</p> <p>Secretariat to publish a summary of views of ACMSF in the 2007 Annual Report</p> <p>ACMSF to consider issues relating to external assessment of ACMSF and obtaining data from interested parties at the December 2008 meeting</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Actioned. Summary published in 2007 Annual Report (ACM/929 refers).</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
13.2	<p>Public questions and answers</p> <p>FSA to provide Kaarin Goodburn with a revised publication date for the vacuum-packaged foods guidance.</p>	Actioned. Guidance was published in July 2008.

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/6 6 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
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>Actioned. FSA has revised its advice on ready to eat salads. Advice was updated in September 2008 (see http://www.fsascience.net/2008/09/03/clean_greens_and_bagged_salads and http://www.eatwell.gov.uk/asksam/healthydiet/fruitandvegq/#A471587).</p> <p>Work in progress. Data and references being sourced.</p> <p>Actioned. Dr Bob Adak to give presentation at September 2008 meeting.</p>

ACM/MIN/6 5 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>

ACM/MIN/6 4 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
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>Actioned. FSA published its food safety advice on flooding in August 2008 which was circulated to Members.</p>

ACM/MIN/6 3 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
8.3	<p>Foodborne viral infections</p> <p>Committee to revisit the foodborne viral infections Report. Work will focus on food transfer rather than revisiting previously identified areas in the 1998 Report.</p>	Work in progress. This issue is marked forward for consideration at a future meeting.

ACM/MIN/6 2 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.

ACM/MIN/6 0 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.