

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 26 MARCH 2009 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixty-ninth meeting held on 26 March 2009. 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-NINTH MEETING (ACM/MIN/69) AND ACTIONS
OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

ACM/MIN/ 69 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 68th 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.
6.11	<p>Campylobacter in the elderly</p> <p>HPA to analyse the over 60s case control study data sets and present to ACMSF.</p>	Actioned. Dr Gillespie to give presentation at the September 2009 meeting.
7.5 7.6	<p>Report on listeria in the elderly</p> <p>Subgroup on Vulnerable Groups to amend text in the report relating to definitions of the elderly/vulnerable to make these definitions clear.</p> <p>Subgroup/Secretariat to amend consultation responses table to reflect comments made at the meeting.</p>	<p>Actioned. Report was amended and has been published.</p> <p>Actioned. Responses table has been amended and placed on the FSA's website. It can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/consultationresponse/conresplisteriosisinuk.pdf</p>
8.4	<p>Salmonella in eggs risk assessment</p> <p>FSA to produce an annexe to the Salmonella in eggs risk assessment model paper for the Committee to comment on.</p>	Actioned. Annexe has been circulated to Members for comments.

10.4	EFIG Secretariat to arrange for the FSA to provide presentation on the UK Food Surveillance Database as the Committee expressed an interest on being briefed on this database.	Actioned. Anne Gravett and Ethan Taylor to give presentation at the September 2009 meeting.
11.6	Botulism in sheep and goats FSA to provide an annual update on outbreaks of botulism in sheep and goats and the toxin types involved	Work in progress. Update (in the form of an information paper) to be provided at a later meeting.
17.3	Public Questions and answers Committee to consider Professor Hugh Pennington's report on the <i>E.coli</i> O157 outbreak in Wales.	Actioned. FSA to give presentation at the September 2009 meeting.

ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS		
ACM/MIN/68 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
5.1	Matters arising FSA to provide an interim update to ACMSF on the IID2 project prior to its completion in 2010.	Work in progress. Update to be provided at a future meeting.
6.4	Microbiological status of ready to eat foods HPA to present an update on the microbiological status of ready to eat foods at a future meeting.	Work in progress. Update to be provided at a future meeting.
8.6	Survey of <i>Listeria</i> in retail smoked fish FSA to revisit its advice on <i>Listeria</i> when more information from other surveys is published.	Work in progress. Other FSA surveys on <i>Listeria</i> are expected to be published in autumn 2009.

ACM/MIN/ 67 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
7.7	<p>IID Study</p> <p>FSA to provide an interim update to ACMSF on the IID2 project prior to its completion in 2010.</p>	Work in progress. Update to be provided at a future 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>	Actioned. Egg advice has been revised. Editorial points are currently being finalised with FSA's Communications Division.

ACM/MIN/ 63 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 the December 2009 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 2009.