

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 24 SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING AND
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's seventieth meeting held on 24 September 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 SEVENTIETH MEETING (ACM/MIN/70) AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 70 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
4.1	<p>Minutes of 69th 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.
6.4	<p><i>Campylobacter</i> case control study</p> <p>Questionnaire used for the above study to be circulated to Members.</p>	Actioned. Questionnaire circulated to Members.
6.7	<p>Secretariat to communicate findings of the above study concerning acid suppression medication appearing to increase susceptibility to <i>Campylobacter</i> infection to the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).</p>	Actioned. Findings have been conveyed to the MHRA.
7.6	<p>Listeria in the over 60s</p> <p>FSA advised to note the need for cross-disciplinary research rather than literature search to establish baseline data using evaluative methods linked to the Food Issues Survey in order to better understand people's food safety knowledge and behaviour in the home.</p>	Actioned. The Committee's comments have been relayed to the FSA .
8.3	<p><i>E.coli</i> inquiry</p> <p>ACMSF to be briefed on current knowledge on supershedding and its role in transmission of human Verotoxigenic <i>E.coli</i> infection.</p> <p>Secretariat to send Members a summary of the key outputs of the recent meeting of the Pathogenic <i>E.coli</i> Network (PEN).</p>	<p>Actioned. Dr Chris Low (Scottish Agricultural College) to give presentation at the December 2009 meeting.</p> <p>Actioned. Weblink where the PEN proceedings will be available has been circulated to Members.</p>

8.5	Secretariat to send Members Stephen Palmer's paper on differences between outbreaks and known outbreaks	Actioned. Two papers that considered the differences between outbreak and non-break premises have been circulated to Members.
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ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS

ACM/MIN/ 69 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
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 future meeting.

ACM/MIN/ 68 para	Topic and action required	Action taken
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 2010.

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/ 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 a future 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>	Actioned. Paper to be considered at the December 2009 at 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.