

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3 DECEMBER 2009 MEETING AND  
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's seventieth-first meeting held on 3 December 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-FIRST MEETING (ACM/MIN/71) AND  
ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

<b>ACM/MIN/ 71 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
4.1	<p><b>Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> meeting</b></p> <p>Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting subject to amendment to paragraph 8.3 to read “Professor Coia questioned whether being able to identify supershedders on-farm would be the most cost-effective intervention for <i>E.coli</i> in the food chain...” Secretariat asked to arrange for the minutes to be placed on the website.</p>	Actioned.
7.6	<p><b>UK-wide survey of the prevalence of Johne’s disease in UK dairy herds</b></p> <p>Defra to provide a summary paper outlining the sampling methods and computer model used for the above survey.</p>	Work in progress. Paper to be provided at a June 2010 meeting.
10	<p><b><i>Campylobacter</i> Workshop</b></p> <p>Output of the joint FSA/Defra/BBSRC <i>Campylobacter</i> workshop will be provided to the Committee at the March 2010 meeting.</p>	Actioned. ACM/977 has been circulated to Members. Paper will be introduced by Ms Geraldine Hoad.
11.4	<p><b>Openness</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the FSA’s move to more openness. The FSA and Secretariat were requested to consider the practicalities of making subgroup meetings open.</p>	Work in progress. FSA and ACMSF Secretariat considering practicalities of making subgroup meetings open.
17.4	<p><b>Public Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that from May 2010 it would be illegal to sell previously frozen poultry meat as fresh and that this may have an impact on foodborne infections. ACMSF agreed to refer</p>	Work in progress. Issue to be brought to EFIG’s attention at their next meeting.

	issue to the Epidemiology of Foodborne Infection Group (EFIG) if necessary.	
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<b>ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS ACMSF MEETINGS</b>		
<b>ACM/MIN/ 69 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
11.6	<p><b>Botulism in sheep and goats</b></p> <p>FSA to provide an annual update on outbreaks of botulism in sheep and goats and the toxin types involved</p>	Actioned. ACM/984 has been circulated to Members.

<b>ACM/MIN/ 68 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
6.4	<p><b>Microbiological status of ready to eat foods</b></p> <p>HPA to present an update on the microbiological status of ready to eat foods at a future meeting.</p>	Work in progress. Update to be provided at a future meeting.
8.6	<p><b>Survey of <i>Listeria</i> in retail smoked fish</b></p> <p>FSA to revisit its advice on <i>Listeria</i> when more information from other surveys is published.</p>	Work in progress. Outstanding FSA survey on <i>Listeria</i> is expected to be published in summer 2010.

<b>ACM/MIN/ 67 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
7.7	<p><b>IID Study</b></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.

<b>ACM/MIN/ 63 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
8.3	<p><b>Foodborne viral infections</b></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>	<p>Actioned. Paper ACM/978 has been circulated to Members. Miss Louise Knowles (FSA) to introduce paper.</p>

<b>ACM/MIN/ 60 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
11.4	<p><b>Horizon scanning</b></p> <p>Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Horizon scanning to be considered at the June 2010 meeting.</p>