

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER MEETING AND  
MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The attached schedule records action taken on matters arising from the Committee's sixtieth meeting held on 28 September 2006. Outstanding action points from earlier meetings are also updated in this paper.

**Secretariat  
December 2006**

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**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE  
MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH MEETING (ACM/MIN/60) AND ACTIONS  
OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MEETINGS**

<b>ACM/MIN/ 58 para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
4.1	<p><b>Minutes of 59<sup>th</sup> meeting</b></p> <p>Members approved minutes as a correct record of meeting subject to a minor amendment to Annex 1. Secretariat asked to arrange putting these on website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actioned.</li> </ul>
7.3	<p><b>Botulism in cattle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee approved the revised report and requested that it should be forwarded to the FSA Chair for final publication by early 2007.</li> <li>• Committee agreed to publish the summary of consultation responses on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actioned. Report printing in progress</li> <li>• Actioned</li> </ul>
9.4	<p><b>Openness</b></p> <p>Secretariat to prepare paper on options for consideration by Members</p>	<p>Work in progress – paper in preparation for discussion at March 2007 meeting</p>

7.4	<p><b>Horizon scanning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to draw up terms of reference for an ad hoc group on vulnerable groups together with proposals that will assist the group in moving this issue forward</li> <li>• Members to clarify the food safety issues for consideration in relation to schools</li> <li>• Members to consider agricultural and farm practices at a future meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in progress</li> <li>• Clarification has been sought from the Members who ranked schools as among their horizon scanning topics</li> <li>• To be considered at the next horizon scanning round</li> </ul>
12.4	<p><b>Surveillance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to confirm if ACMSF had previously received information on the national survey database for local authorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on this database will be provided at a future meeting</li> </ul>



10.5	<p><b>Listeria update</b></p> <p>HPA to provide a further update in December 2006 which is to include data for the first 6 months of 2006.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actioned. A presentation on this will be provided at the December meeting</li> </ul>
12.3	<p><b>EFIG</b></p> <p>Secretariat to provide a written paper on EFIG activities for future ACMSF meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actioned. Paper on this item will be provided at the December meeting</li> </ul>
17.6; 17.7	<p><b>Public Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSA to consider whether the 10 day rule proposed in the guidance on vacuum packaging would create barriers to trade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The drafting group (6.4 above) will consider whether a regulatory Impact Assessment is required to consider the impact of the '10 day ruling' as a barrier to trade within the EU</li> </ul>
<b>ACM/MIN/58para</b>	<b>Topic and action required</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
13.2	<p><b>Public Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Paul Cook to seek a response from FSA officials on whether wider discussions on labelling had taken place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actioned. Wider discussions have taken place. FSA has revised its guidelines to meet microbiological criteria regulation. Information on safe handling practice is also included</li> </ul>