

# ACAF Code of Practice - Communications and Collaboration

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## Communications with the FSA Board, Chief Scientific Adviser and Executive

- The ACAF works in collaboration with several other Committees where the topics under consideration would benefit from expert advice from other Committees. These include, but are not limited to:
  - The Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (ACNFP).
  - The Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food (ACMSF).
  - The FSA's Science Council.

- The Committee on Toxicity of Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT).
- The Committee on Carcinogenicity of Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COC).
- The Committee on Mutagenicity of Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COM).
- Communications between the ACAF and the Board of the FSA will generally be through the Chair except where the ACAF has agreed that an individual Member should act on its behalf. Nevertheless, any Member has the right of access to the Board of the FSA on any matter that he or she believes raises important issues relating to his or her duties as an ACAF Member. In such cases the agreement of the rest of the ACAF should normally be sought.
- Similarly, communications between the ACAF and the FSA Executive will generally be through the ACAF Secretariat, although the ACAF Chair has the right of access to the FSA Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) and Deputy CSA at all times.
- Any Member also has the right of access to the FSA CSA on any matter which he or she believes raises important issues relating to his or her duties as a Member. In such cases the agreement of the ACAF Chair should normally be sought.