

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS**

**70th Meeting of ACAF on 17 June 2016**

**Information Paper**

**Update on the Work of other Advisory Committees**

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## **UPDATE ON THE WORK OF OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **Purpose**

1. This paper outlines issues from other advisory committees that may be of interest to ACAF.

### **Advisory Committee on Microbiological Safety of Food (ACMSF)**

2. The ACMSF are due to meet in Aviation House on 30 June 2016. Further details will be available on the ACMSF website: <http://acmsf.food.gov.uk>

### **Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (ACNFP)**

3. The last meeting of the ACNFP took place on 13 April 2016. The meeting considered the following applications:
  - calanus oil;
  - m. aurum;
  - ketone ester;
  - oligonol; and
  - NANA (N-acetyl-D-neuramic acid).
4. The agenda also included items on EFSA guidance on the data requirements for novel food applications and notifications on traditional foods from third countries under the new Novel Food Regulations. The Committee also considered feedback following its open meeting held on 4 February 2016.

### **The Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment (ACRE)**

5. The Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment (ACRE) held an 'open' meeting in on 23 March in London where they discussed two GM field trial consent applications to assess performance in field conditions;
  - The Sainsbury Laboratory to grow GM potatoes - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/genetically-modified-organisms-sainsbury-laboratory-16r2901>).
  - Rothamsted Research to grow GM Camelina - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/genetically-modified-organisms-rothamsted-research-16r801>.

ACRE is scheduled to assess and provide written advice on both of these trials within the next few weeks.

6. The next meeting of ACRE will be on Thursday 7 July 2016

**The Committee on Carcinogenicity (COC)**

7. The COC met on 17 March 2016 and items discussed included:

- Insulin – like Growth Factors-1 (IGF-1) and cancer risk;
- guidance statement G09 – assessing the risk of acute and short-term exposure to carcinogens;
- scoping paper on alternative approach for carcinogen risk assessment;
- Chief Medical Officer’s consultation on the new alcohol guidelines; and
- annual report 2015.

8. The next meeting will be on 21 July 2016 and discussion topics are likely to include:

- para-chloraniline;
- overview of Guidance Statement G07 Alternatives to the 2-year bioassay;
- overview of Guidance Statement G09 Assessing the Risks of Acute or Short-Term Exposure to Carcinogens;
- mode of Action/Human Relevance Framework;
- nanomaterials presentation; and
- frailty and cancer.

**The Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COM)**

9. The COM met on 25 February 2016 and items discussed included:

- assays used to evaluate germ cell DNA integrity in human fertility investigations;
- germ cell adverse outcome pathways; and
- annual report 2015.

10. The next meeting will be on 16 June 2016 and discussion topics are likely to include:

- classification of para-chloroaniline.

## **The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT)**

11. COT met on 8 April 2016 and items discussed at the meeting included:

- follow-up paper on the submission for a reformulation of PAVA irritant spray – (Reserved business);
- review of risks arising from the infant diet and the development of atopic and autoimmune disease: Systematic review B – Timing of introduction of allergenic foods to the infant diet: a systematic review and meta-analysis – (Reserved business);
- review of potential risks from acrylamide in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years;
- first draft statement on potential risks from arsenic in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years;
- second draft addendum to the 2013 COT statement on potential risks from lead in the infant diet; and
- first draft addendum to the 2013 COT statement on potential risks from aluminium in the infant diet.

12. The COT subsequently met on 24 April 2016. Item discussed included:

- third draft addendum to the 2013 COT statement on potential risks from lead in the infant diet;
- first draft statement on the introduction of allergenic foods to the infant diet and influence on the risk of development of atopic outcomes and autoimmune disease - (Reserved business);
- second draft statement on potential risks from arsenic in the diet of infants aged 0 to 12 months and children aged 1 to 5 years; and
- review of potential risks from polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) in the diet of children aged 1 to 5 years and updated exposures for infants aged 0 to 12 months;

13. The next COT meeting will be on 5 July 2016.

## **General Advisory Committee on Science (GACS)**

14. The GACS met on 24 March 2016. The agenda and papers are published<sup>1</sup> and the draft minutes will be available in due course. Agenda items included:
- report on Science in the FSA;
  - triennial review of the SACs - update and discussion on implementation of the recommendations;
  - report on FSA evidence portfolio and future priorities;
  - report from the working group on science skills and capabilities;
  - report from the working group on risk; and
  - update on the new cross-SAC working group on the framework for foods that present an increased risk per serving.
15. The Committee and its working groups will continue to operate within their current remit until such time as they hand over to a new FSA Science Council which will be set up in response to Recommendation 3 of the FSA's Triennial Review of its SACs March 2016<sup>2</sup>.

## **Social Science Research Committee (SSRC)**

### **Horizon scanning workshop**

16. The last SSRC meeting was held on 15 April 2016 in Aviation House. Agenda items included:
- update on the FSA programme on vulnerable groups and SSRC workshop;
  - our Food Future – an update and next steps;
  - SSRC / ACMSF joint working – foodborne viruses report;
  - sixth report from the Strategy Sub-Group;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://gacs.food.gov.uk/gacsmeets/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/triennial-review-sac.pdf>

- triennial review – report and recommendations;
- update on Sub-Groups, Working Groups and Advisory Groups; and
- Science in the Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs)

### **Appointments and Recruitment exercises**

#### **ACNFP**

##### Appointments

17. The ACNFP is currently in the process of recruiting 5 new members to the Committee.

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