

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS**

**45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ACAF on 4 March 2009**

**Information Paper**

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### **Purpose**

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

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

2. A recruitment process to appoint a new Chair will begin shortly.
3. The ACNFP held an Open Event on Novel Foods on 18 February 2009. Items on the Agenda included:
  - novel foods and how they are handled across the EU;
  - group discussions on intake levels and labelling of novel foods; and
  - changes to the regulation of novel foods.
4. The agenda for the ACNFP meeting held on 19 February 2009 included an item on new publications relevant to the safety of GM foods: the Committee will consider three published papers comparing the effects of GM and non-GM crops.
5. ACNFP's next meeting is scheduled for 29 April 2009.

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

6. The next meeting of ACMSF will take place on 26 March 2009. Items to be discussed at this meeting will include:
  - the changing age pattern of campylobacteriosis in England and Wales;
  - the response to the public consultation on the Ad Hoc Group on Vulnerable Groups Report to investigate the incidence of listeriosis in the UK;
  - update on the December 2008 meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene; and
  - work to implement the recommendations of the ACMSF Report on botulism in sheep and goats. The Report is expected to be published in February 2009.

**The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN)**

7. SACN has advertised a number of current and forthcoming vacancies on the Committee.
8. Please see links to advert on the public appointments website for information:

Chair:

[http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/\(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0\)/search.aspx?ApptID=5530&row=39](http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0)/search.aspx?ApptID=5530&row=39)

Member:

[http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/\(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0\)/search.aspx?ApptID=5532&row=37](http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0)/search.aspx?ApptID=5532&row=37)

Consumer Representative:

[http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/\(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0\)/search.aspx?ApptID=5538&row=38](http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/(mnux243t4pfskiiefqvfkc0)/search.aspx?ApptID=5538&row=38)

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