

Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment

2020 Annual Report of the COT

Background

1. Annex A contains the draft text of the COT section of the 2021 Annual report for the Committees on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment.
2. Members are invited to comment on Annex A and consider how the COT has performed during 2020 against the Good Practice Guidelines for committees advising the Food Standards Agency (FSA). For easy reference the link is given below:
[Good practice guidelines](#)
3. Please send any minor editorial comments on the Annual report directly to the Secretariat. Members are also asked to check that employment details and interests have been recorded correctly.
4. As Members are aware, the COT Terms of Reference and Code of Practice have been updated. A number of suggestions have been made to bring the COT code of practice more in line with the other FSA SACs with regard to having a section on "Communication and Collaboration", it has not proved possible to provide suggested text in time for this meeting but this will be presented to Members in due course.
5. The glossary has not been updated, but Members are invited to review the contents and make any suggestions for amendment on new inclusions to the Secretariat. [Glossary](#)

Questions for the Committee

6. Members are invited to consider the following questions/comments and to raise any other matters.
 - i. Do Members have any comments on the text of the report in Annex A?

- ii. Members are invited to comment on the extent to which COT evaluations in 2020 have complied with the Good Practice Guidelines in Annex B, and if appropriate to make suggestions for future improvements.

Secretariat

February 2022

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