

COMMITTEE ON TOXICITY OF CHEMICALS IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Second draft statement on the role of hydrolysed cows' milk formulae in influencing the development of atopic and autoimmune disease: second draft statement

Introduction

1. The FSA commissioned Imperial Consultants to conduct a systematic review of the published scientific literature on infant formulae containing hydrolysed cows' milk protein and their ability to reduce the risk of infants and young children developing atopic and autoimmune disease.
2. This systematic review has been conducted together with three other systematic reviews by Imperial Consultants, which have been undertaken as part of the Government's review of infant feeding. The subject of hydrolysed cows' milk formula is not being considered as part of the wider Government review and therefore a separate statement on hydrolysed formula has been prepared.
3. The Committee considered this review at their meeting in September 2015. A draft statement was prepared for the COT meeting in October 2015. Members' comments have been incorporated into a second draft statement, which can be found in ANNEX A.
4. Members are asked to comment on the draft statement, attached as ANNEX A. This statement will be discussed as reserved business and will be made publically available once the findings of the systematic review have been published in the peer reviewed literature.
Note: The Committee were provided with a pre-publication copy of the review by Imperial Consultants. This systematic review will be submitted for publication following peer review in the near future and the full systematic review will be made available on the FSA website at this time.

Secretariat
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