

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

Paper for Information:

FSA Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs) update – May 2016 meeting

This paper provides Members with an update on the work of the Food Standards Agency's Scientific Advisory Committees (SAC) and other items of general interest.

Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs (ACAF)

<http://acaf.food.gov.uk/>

The next ACAF meeting is to be held on 17 June 2016 at the Food Standards Scotland offices, Pilgrim's House, Aberdeen. Agenda items to be discussed are as follows:

- Presentation from James Hutton Institute Professor Derek Stewart (Leader of Enhanced Crop Productivity and Utilization Theme) from the James Hutton Institute will provide details on research being undertaken on the use of home grown rapeseed meal and distiller's dried grains with solubles in diets for pigs and poultry in the UK
- Update on the delivery of official controls of feed law in Scotland. Jacqui Angus (Food Standards Scotland) will provide an update on the progress made on earned recognition and on the animal feed review in Scotland
- University of Stirling - Presentation Members will receive a presentation from Professor Brett Glencross (University of Stirling) on an on-going project that the University of Stirling is undertaking with industry across the UK looking at the management of the use of avian protein products for use in the salmon feed industry
- Update on the Review of the Report on On-farm Feeding Practices Angela Booth ACAF's sub group Chairman will present the final conclusions on the review of the Committee's report on On-farm Feeding Practices which was published prior to the meeting
- Presentation by FEFAC – Alexander Döring Alexander Döring (General Secretary) FEFAC will provide a presentation on FEFAC's views on the recent EU Commission Communication on the Circular Economy and its potential impact on and implications for feed safety management along the feed supply chain.

Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food (**ACMSF**)
<http://acmsf.food.gov.uk/>

The next meeting of the ACMSF will take place on 30 June in Aviation House. The following items are on the draft agenda:

- ACMSF's assessment of risk associated with the consumption of shell eggs. The Committee will review the response to the public consultation and a revised draft of the report.
- Members will receive a presentation on EU funded work on Toxoplasma
- Members will be updated on the FSA's work in relation to rare burgers
- The Committee will be asked to comment on a draft risk assessment related to Zika virus exposure via the food chain
- Members will be updated on the outcome of the Epidemiology of Foodborne Infections Group meeting of 7 June 2016
- Members will be briefed by APHA on its research activities in relation to food animal microbiome
- Members will receive an information paper on changes to plant protection product maximum residue levels (MRLs).

Subgroups

The *Ad Hoc* Group on Campylobacter held its first meeting to discuss its terms of reference and scope of work on 6 May.

Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (**ACNFP**)
<http://www.acnfp.gov.uk/>

The last meeting of the ACNFP took place on 13 April. The meeting considered the following applications:

Calanus Oil
M. Aurum
Ketone Ester
Oligonol
NANA (N-acetyl-D-neuramic acid)

The agenda also included items on EFSA guidance on the data requirements for novel food applications and notifications on traditional foods under the new Novel Food Regulations and considered feedback following its open meeting held on 4 February.

Appointments

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

Social Science Research Committee (SSRC)

<http://ssrc.food.gov.uk/>

17th biannual meeting, 15 April 2016

The last SSRC meeting was held on 15 April 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
 - Triennial review – report and recommendations
 - Update on Sub-Groups, Working Groups and Advisory Groups
 - Science in the Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs)
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- segmentation to usefully inform policy, and areas for future research.
An update paper will be presented at the 17th SSRC meeting.

**Secretariat
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