

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

### 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COT

#### Background

1. Annex A contains the draft text of the COT section of the 2016 Annual report for the Committees on Toxicity, Mutagenicity and Carcinogenicity.
2. Members are invited to agree the text and also to consider how the COT has performed during 2016 against the Good Practice Guidelines for committees advising the Food Standards Agency (FSA). For easy reference, Annex B contains annex 4 of the Annual Report relating to Good Practice Guidelines for Scientific Advisory Committees.

#### Advice sought from the Committee

3. Members are invited to consider the following questions and to raise any other matters that arise.
  - 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 2016 have complied with the Good Practice Guidelines in Annex B, and if appropriate to make suggestions for future improvements.
  - iii. Members are reminded that if they have not already done so to advise the Secretariat of any **changes** to their annual declaration of interests.

**Secretariat**  
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