

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

2019 Annual Report of the COT

Background

1. Annex A contains the draft text of the COT section of the 2019 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 2019 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.
3. It has not been possible to finalise the Declarations of interest in the time available. This will be circulated for comment shortly.

Advice sought from the Committee

4. 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 2019 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 and/or affiliations.

Secretariat

January 2020

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This annex contains the draft text of the 2019 annual report.

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This annex contains text from annex 4 of the Annual Report relating to Good Practice Guidelines for Scientific Advisory Committees.

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278498/11-1382-code-of-practice-scientific-advisory-committees.pdf