

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES**

**FORWARD LOOK OF RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR THE NOVEL FOODS DIVISION**

**Issue**

The Committee is asked to consider priorities for commissioning future research by the Novel Foods Division to underpin the safety of GM and novel foods.

**Background**

1. The Novel Foods Division (NFD) currently funds two extensive research programmes, which underpin the safety assessment of GM and Novel Foods. The three-year G02 programme will be completed in January 2005, and the remaining projects in the on-going G01 will be completed in early 2005.

2. NFD are in the process of considering research that may be funded in the future in these areas. Further details on the research programmes, projects funded to date and the issues for discussion are outlined in the background document attached at Annex A.

3. The Division is holding a research review meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at which experts in the GM and Novel Foods areas will gather to discuss research priorities for NFD. This meeting will consist of presentations on the research carried out to date, general discussions and breakout groups to consider the following topics.

- Novel Foods research – what additional areas need to be addressed for safety assessment?
- Issues raised by Science review – are there further priorities to be addressed with respect to GM food safety?
- Next steps after G02?

4. An update of priorities identified at this research review meeting will be given during the ACNFP meeting.

**Committee Action Required**

5. The Committee is invited to consider the work that has been carried out in the G01 and G02 programmes in order to suggest priorities for future research.

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