

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

ACNFP Fact sheet on cholesterol lowering foods

Issue

Members are invited to comment on a draft revision of the Committee's fact sheet on cholesterol-lowering foods, which requires updating to take account of the expanded range of products that are on the market and new labelling requirements.

Background

1. The ACNFP Secretariat issues a corporate brochure to interested parties. This is in the form of a folder containing fact sheets covering the operation of the Committee and certain topics that have attracted particular interest in recent years.
2. The fact sheet covering cholesterol lowering foods was introduced in 2002 following the authorisation of phytosterol esters as novel food ingredients and the text has been redrafted following suggestions at the 66th meeting in May 2004. (*Members should note that the finalised text will be presented as a full colour fact sheet when completed*).
3. The fact sheet is in the form of a series of questions and answers and the amended sections are highlighted in boxes. Changes have been made to take account of the recent authorisation of additional phytosterol preparations and the wider range of products that are now on the market. There is also a section dealing with the new labelling rules, which are designed to identify the relevant products, to indicate the target population group and to minimise the probability of over-consumption.

Committee Action

4. The Committee is asked to consider the redrafted fact sheet and suggest any final amendments.

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