

8 October 2003

**To all interested parties**

### **ACNFP OPEN MEETING**

You are invited to attend an open meeting to be held at Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London on Wednesday 19 November 2003 from 1:30 to 4.00pm.

The aim of the meeting is to give the public an opportunity to discuss with the Committee those subjects that fall directly within the Committee's remit. The meeting will be chaired by Professor Mike Gasson, the ACNFP Chairman. Attendance will be limited and by ticket only, with a maximum of two people per organisation.

The meeting will be structured as follows:

1. A short introduction on the role of the ACNFP and how it links to other advisory committees on food safety and to the European Union. The openness policy and what data can be regarded as confidential will also be explained.
2. A discussion on the post market monitoring of novel (including GM) foods.
3. Small group discussions on consumer concerns related to the assessment of novel (including GM) foods.
4. An open discussion with tabled audience questions.

In order to address the issue of consumer concerns more effectively we would like to invite participants to submit written questions to be considered in section 3. While there will be an opportunity to ask questions at all stages this will provide a useful framework for the smaller group discussions in this part of the meeting.

We would also like to invite participants to submit written questions on topics that are within the Committee's remit to be considered in the final session. Minutes will be produced for this meeting and any relevant questions that cannot be taken will be addressed as an annex to these minutes.

If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact the ACNFP Secretariat by Wednesday 5 November 2003 at: ACNFP Secretariat, Room 515b Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NH, Tel: 020 7276 8595, Fax: 020 7276 8564 or email: [acnfp@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:acnfp@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk).

If you wish to submit written questions for sections 3 or 4 please send these with your attendance request.

Yours sincerely

Mr Colin Ross  
ACNFP Secretariat

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*'to advise the central authorities responsible, in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland respectively on any matters relating to novel foods and novel food processes including food irradiation, having regard where appropriate to the views of relevant expert bodies.'*