

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

**FORWARD LOOK AT RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR THE NOVEL FOODS
ADDITIVES AND SUPPLEMENTS DIVISION**

Issue

The committee is asked to consider priorities for commissioning future research by the Novel Foods, Additives, and Supplements Division to underpin the safety of GM and Novel Foods.

Background

1. The Novel Foods Additives and Supplements Division (NFASD) currently provides funding for the G03 research programme, which builds on and continues to support the mandatory safety assessment of GM and novel foods in order that the most up to date scientific knowledge is used.
2. NFASD will shortly be holding a mid-term review in order to evaluate the success and productivity of work commissioned under the G03 programme, and to consider plans for future research on novel and GM foods. Further details on the research programmes, projects funded to date and issues for discussion are outlined in the background document attached.

Committee Action Required

3. The Committee is invited to consider the work that has been carried out in the G03 Programme in order to suggest priorities for future research. Work in new and emerging fields of relevance to GM and novel foods not currently covered by the G03 programme would be particularly welcome. Please send any comments to Kate May (Email Kate.May@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk Tel 0207 276 8504) by 29th August 2008.

**Secretariat
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Annexes attached:

Annex 1 – Background Information on the G03 Programme: The Safety Assessment of Novel and Genetically Modified (GM) Foods.