

ACTIONS ARISING¹

Summary of Actions Arising from December Open Board Meeting			
Index	Action	Due date	Progress to date
10Dec08/O/401 Terrence Collis	Terrence stated that Directors of Communications Report would include; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how consumer engagement was embedded in the Agency; and• how communications about incidents are managed, in an annex. (para 43)	December 2009	

¹ Progress reported as at 27 January 2009

Actions Arising from Previous Meetings

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<p>17Jul08/O/382 Andrew Wadge (para 30)</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Outcome of the public consultation on future of charging for official meat controls to be reported to the Board to include i) a clear Communications strategy ii) improved impact assessments</p> <p>Forward plan (including organogram/Gantt chart of process) for charges beyond 2009/10 to be developed for Board agreement in 2009.</p>	<p>April 2009</p>	<p>Consultation is being prepared, taking account of the impact of the recent Euro/Sterling exchange rate on the minimum charge rates allowable under EU law.</p> <p>Revised project plan includes timetable for development of communications strategy, revised impact assessment and development of proposals, for Board agreement, for charges beyond 2009/10.</p>
<p>19Jul07/O/332 Andrew Wadge (para 49(k)).</p>	<p>Development, in consultation with stakeholders of a new charging system for introduction in 2009/10 that would reflect the new arrangements for delivering Official Controls; allow a progressive move towards full cost recovery; introduce appropriate charges for SRM control; permit the more effective targeting of any subsidy; and provide financial incentives to FBOs to comply and to make efficient use of TMHS services</p>	<p>September 2009 onwards</p>	<p>Plans are working toward introduction of legislation at the October common commencement date. The Board will be updated as appropriate, timing dependent on progress</p>
<p>7May08/O/373 Tim Smith</p>	<p>(b) Review in 3 years' time of progress on transforming the MHS and changes to official controls (para 22, 8th bullet point).</p>	<p>May 2011</p>	
<p>13Feb08/O/358b Andrew Wadge</p>	<p>(b) To make progress as soon as possible on developing 'HACCP for the whole food chain' (para 31).</p>	<p>May or July 2009</p>	<p>(b) This work is being developed by the Operational Research Team. Following discussions with and the agreement of the Chair and Chief Executive, an update will come to the Board Business session in early 2009 with a full paper in May or July 2009.</p>
<p>15Oct08/O/396 Richard Calvert (para 10)</p>	<p>Inform Board members of the outcome of the independent, internal review of the approval process for meat premises</p>	<p>February 2009</p>	<p>Agreed this would be provided as a part of CE Report to the Open meeting in February.</p>

Completed Actions	
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19Jul07/O/330 Andrew Wadge	A Board discussion of proposals to reduce BSE testing took place in planned for October 2008, as part of the BSE paper, which prompted detailed discussion on surveillance plans. There was a further discussion at the December Open Board meeting.
15Oct08/O/397 Richard Calvert (para 18)	The FSA Simplification Plan and Report would be amended and presented to the Chair for final approval was published on 10 December 2008
15Oct08/O/399 Tim Smith (para 34)	Liaise with Defra and the relevant devolved departments over current and future BSE surveillance plans which would then be submitted to SEAC for its opinion on their effectiveness, prior to returning to the Board for a decision on the proposal to raise the age of BSE testing to 48 months.
11Jun08/O/377 Richard Calvert	An interessional paper on the revised principles on Publication, the Survey Guidelines, an explanation of open access publication was circulated to Board members on 19 December 2008.
10Dec08/O/402 Andrew Wadge/David Carruthers (para 47)	The Chair wrote on December 11 2008 to Health Ministers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (with copies to respective Rural Affairs Ministers and CMOs) to give advice from the FSA that an increase in the age limit for BSE testing cattle slaughtered for human consumption, from 30 months to 48 months, would be acceptable
10Dec08/O/400 Andrew Wadge Gill Fine (para 16)	Executive will write to Health Ministers and CMOs in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland recommending that the Government advice on peanut avoidance where there is a family history of allergic disease be amended to reflect the COT recommendations. Letters from the Chair to Health Ministers and the CMO, outlining the Board's recommendation that the Government advice be revised in line with COT recommendations on peanut avoidance, were sent on 19/12/08. Policy leads are actively engaging with counterparts in DH on moving this item forward.
17Sep08/O/386 Andrew Wadge (para 20)	Given the potential link between recent Listeria outbreak in a hospital and pre-packed sandwiches, the Board asked that the risk to other vulnerable groups, e.g. the elderly living in non-care settings and children's packed school lunches, be assessed. ACMSF (met on 25 Sept) and SSRC (met on 19 Nov) will include these issues in their deliberations. This is ongoing work and progress will be reported in the Food safety paper in Feb 2009. Paper cleared for the February Agenda Item.
7May08/O/373 Tim Smith	(a) Quarterly reports to the Board on MHS transformation targets and performance as set out in the May discussion paper on the Future Delivery of Official Controls in Approved Premises (FSA 08/05/04) (para 22, 8th bullet point). It was been agreed that it would be better to bring this to the March 2009 Board to align it with the 6 monthly report from the Chair of the MHS Board. <i>Subsequently</i> decided that Chair reports to Board will be planned June and November to better align with availability of performance information. Future Agendas Paper has been amended to reflect this.
17Jul08/O/383 Richard Calvert	The Board asked that the paper inviting decisions on the future of the Regional Teams be brought back in 6 months. This is being taken forward as

(para 39)	part of a wider review of partnership working led by Alison Gleadle at the February Board.
12Mar08/O/362 Andrew Wadge	<p>(a) Progress report to be provided to Board members on food incident prevention strategy in 12 months (para 20, 4th bullet point). (a) The strategy was issued for consultation on 8 May. An update will be provide via the annual report on Food Safety in Feb 2009</p> <p>(b) Separate detailed paper setting out options on earned recognition to be brought to the Board at a future meeting (para 20, 5th bullet point). b) Following discussions at WMD it was decided that this would now be reported back to the Board better as part of the Partnership Working paper coming to the Board in February 2009.</p>