

REGISTER OF BOARD MEMBERS' INTERESTS

1. The following provisions for the declaration of interests and withdrawal from meetings are intended to prevent the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Board Members being influenced, or appearing to be influenced, by their private interests in the exercise of their collective public duties.
2. As a minimum, all personal or business interests which may or, in the judgement of the MHS Board Member, may be *perceived* by a reasonable member of the public to influence their judgement, should be declared. Such interests will include, but will not be limited to, involvement in the agriculture, food and related industries. In addition, other interests which do not appear to be immediately relevant to the work of the Agency may also be declared, at the discretion of the Board Member concerned.
3. MHS Board members are required to complete a Register of Board Members' Interests. There is no lower threshold for declaration of personal and non-personal interests, including shareholdings. Board Members are asked to inform the MHS Board Secretariat as soon as is practicable of any changes in their interests and, in any event, Board Members will be required to complete a form declaring their personal and non-personal interests once a year.
4. The Chairman, Deputy Chair and MHS Board Members must declare their relevant interests in issues to be discussed at formal meetings of the MHS Board. Wherever possible, the interest should be declared in advance of the meeting, but as a minimum must be declared prior to discussion of the relevant agenda item at the meeting. After Board Members have fully explained the nature of their interests the Chairman (or the Deputy Chair in the case of a declaration from the Chairman) will decide whether and to what extent the Board Member should participate in the discussion and determination of the issue. Where the Chairman has a relevant interest and does not participate in the meeting, the Deputy Chair will chair the discussion of the relevant agenda item. Minutes of formal meetings will record declarations made by the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Board Members and the extent of their participation in discussion.
5. The current register of interests for each of the Board members follows.

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**DR MAUREEN EDMONDSON (BOARD MEMBER FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
AND CHAIR OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

None

Fee Paid Work

None

Shareholdings

None

Clubs and other organisations

Advisory Board of the Northern Ireland Centre for Food and Nutrition (NICHE)
Member of the Academic Board of Masters in European Food Regulatory Affairs
(Ulster University)

Other personal interests

None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology
Honorary Fellow of European College of Sports Sciences

Indirect Support

Pension from Mars Pension Trustees Limited

Trusteeships

None relevant

Land and Property

None

Other Public Appointments

Member of the Foresight Group of the Food Strategy Implementation Partnership in Northern Ireland.

None other relevant to the FSA.

Other Non-Personal Interests

None

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ALICK SIMMONS

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

Employed full time as Veterinary Director of the FSA

Fee-paid work

None

Shareholdings

None.

Clubs and other organisations

None.

Other personal interests

None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

None.

Indirect support

None.

Trusteeships

None

Land and property

Tenant of small holding used for grazing livestock

Other public appointments

Spouse is a non-executive director of South Somerset Primary Care Trust and self-employed social services charity consultant

Other non-personal interests

None

JOHN HARWOOD

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency
Chairman, CfBT Education Trust

Fee Paid Work

Occasional articles for "Guardian"

Shareholdings

Banco Santander
Centrica

Clubs and other organisations

Reform
HDRA

Other personal interests

Poultry keeper

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

Senior Associate Fellow, Warwick University Business School

Indirect Support

Trusteeships

Oxfordshire VCH Trust, Parrott & Lee Educational Foundation (Chair)
Northmoor Trust for Countryside Conservation (Chair of Trustees)

Land and Property

West End House, Wootton, Oxon OX20 1DL

Other Public Appointments

None current

Other Non-Personal Interests

None

Last Reviewed: May 2006

CELIA BENNETT

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

Parish Council Clerk

Fee Paid Work

None

Shareholdings

None

Clubs and other organizations

Farmers' Club, National Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Other personal interests

None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

None

Indirect Support

None

Trusteeships

None

Land and Property

None

Other Public Appointments

None

Other Non-Personal Interests

None

Last Reviewed: October 2006

Deryk Mead

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

None

Fee Paid Work

None

Shareholdings

None in UK

Managed funds outside UK

Clubs and other organizations

None relevant to work of MHS

Other personal interests

None relevant to work of MHS

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

None

Indirect Support

Pension from NCH [Children's Charity]

Trusteeships

None

Land and Property

Domestic property only

Other Public Appointments

Rail Passenger Council

Other Non-Personal Interests

No relevant interests

Last Reviewed: October 2005

CHRISSIE DUNN

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

Director - C.M.Dunn & Co.Ltd - provider of business planning, interim management and advisory services to companies, some of which may be in the food industry.

Fee-paid work

Occasional part time teaching/lecturing.

No other except that which is related to the above companies.

Shareholdings

None relevant to the FSA

Clubs and other organisations

Director of Improve, The Food & Drink Sector Skills Council

Member of the General Teaching Council

Member of the National Union of Teachers

Former Director of Business Link York and North Yorkshire 1996- 1999

Other personal interests

None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

None

Indirect support

None

Trusteeships

None

Land and property

None

Other public appointments

Council Member Food from Britain (DEFRA)

Board Member – Yorkshire, Humber and East Midlands Industrial Development Board (DTI)

Other non-personal interests

None

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Dr Ian Reynolds

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

None

Fee-paid work

None

Shareholdings

None

Clubs and other organisations

Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Other personal interests

None

Non-personal interests

Fellowships

Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine

Indirect support

None

Trusteeships

None

Land and property

Brother-in-law owns and runs a sheep farm in Dorset

Other public appointments

None

Other non-personal interests

None

Tim Bennett

Personal interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

Owns a farm near Carmarthen in South West Wales, where he and his wife are partners in a beef rearing enterprise.

Board member of the National Livestock Management Database Limited.

Fee-paid work

None

Shareholdings

Shareholding in the Residuary body of Milk Marque, who have now acquired Community Foods Group Ltd, which is a natural foods distributor.

Clubs and other organisations

Member of the National Farmers Union

Member and Committee Member of the Farmers Club, London

Other personal interests

None

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Non-personal interests

Fellowships

Associate of the Royal Agricultural Societies

Fellow of the Institute of Grocery Distribution

Indirect support

None

Trusteeships

None

Land and property

None

Other public appointments

Member of the Council of Food from Britain and its remuneration committee.

Chairman of the Milk Sector of the Shadow Agricultural and Horticultural Levy Board for the UK.

Member of the Agricultural Land Tribunal Wales.

Other non-personal interests

None