

ACTIONS ARISING**Summary of Actions Arising from April Open Board Meeting**

Index	Action	Due date	Progress to date
6Apr06/O/288	Director of Food Safety Policy would be asked to raise the possible wider use of tamper-evident packaging with Food Incidents Task Force that he now chaired. (Para 18)	August 2006	Discussions have been initiated with the Federation of Bakers on the current status of tamper-evident packaging across the industry.

Actions from Previous Meetings

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8Dec05/O/285	Provide an update note following the exercise to test arrangements for handling incidents. (Para 68)	October 2006	A note will be produced following the exercise, which aims to test call out arrangements with key stakeholders.
15Sep05/O/273	A survey should be undertaken to provide a better evidence base in relation to market share of food supplements (Para 26).	July 2006	An intersessional paper will be provided to the Board.
15Sep05/O/274	Further research should be undertaken to identify intakes of vitamins and minerals through the diet for consumers, including children (Para 26).	July 2006	An intersessional paper will be provided to the Board.
14July05/O/267	Food Incidents Task Force: information note on the actions taken by other EU food safety authorities to recall and withdraw products from the market. (Para 31)	September 2006	The Commission and Member States are working towards adopting a harmonised risk management approach for dealing with instances of contamination with Sudan and other dyes. There will be discussions at an EC Standing Committee on 23 June.

Actions from Previous Meetings (continued)

10Mar05/O/255	Actions related to prior approval	↓	↓
c	Provide an assessment on whether alternative measures might lead to benefits equivalent to the introduction of a prior approval system. (Para 25)	July 2008	A research project was included in the FSA's Research Requirements Document 19, published on 30 September 2005, with a view to trialling a prior approval scheme.
e	Prepare a paper and develop an associated impact assessment to assist the Board in reaching an evidence-based decision on whether to recommend prior approval. (Para 25)	July 2008	A progress report was brought to the Board in December (FSA 05/12/06). Further progress reports will be provided at appropriate intervals.

Completed Actions

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6Apr06/O/289	The Chief Executive of the Meat Hygiene Service to report the outcome of the investigations into the finding by DARD of a small piece of spinal cord in an OTM quarter carcass at a cutting plant in Northern Ireland. (Para 22). A copy of the Investigation Report received from MHS has been sent to Board members. Circulated on 9 June.