

ACTIONS ARISING**Summary of Actions Arising from the July Open Board Meeting**

Index	Action	Due date	Progress to date
13July06/O/296	Provide more information on children's intakes of vitamins and minerals and data from studies on paediatric medicine. (Para 44)	January 2007	Information is being collected with a view to providing a paper for the Board by the end of January 2007.

Actions from Previous Meetings

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15June06/O/290	The contingency plan for atypical scrapie in small ruminants to be put into the public domain, clearing wording with Board members beforehand. (Para 41)	End December 2006	An intersessional paper is being prepared for clearance with Board members. Plan to consult SEAC as part of paper development.
15June06/O/291	The Director of Communications should consider the methods and language by which messages on atypical scrapie in small ruminants would need to be delivered, in particular to communicate the potential risk involved of eating older animals. (Para 41)	End September 2006	A consumer friendly briefing on atypical scrapie has been drafted in consultation with consumer groups and the meat and farming industry, (including Which?, Sustain, National Consumer Council, Meat and Livestock Commission and National Sheep Association.
13July06/O/292	Clear the wording of the FSA's current advice on the consumption of meat from sheep and goats with Board members. (Para 7)		The draft is now being discussed with journalists (including The Times, The Mail, the FT and the BBC). Consideration is being given to other language versions of the briefing to ensure accessibility for ethnic groups who have particular interests in sheep meat.

Actions from Previous Meetings (continued)

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8Dec05/O/285	Provide an update note following the exercise to test arrangements for handling incidents. (Para 68)	November 2006	An out of hours test was held on Saturday 24 June aimed at contacting industry representatives who would be critical during a major incident or emergency (success rate 85%). An emergency exercise with food industry representatives is currently scheduled for 9 November.
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	An appraisal panel met on 23 March 2006 and advised that none of the research proposals received to pilot a prior approval scheme were sufficiently close to meeting the Agency's requirements to warrant entering further negotiations. Officials are currently considering other options to demonstrate the impact of prior approval and alternative measures.
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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13July06/O/293	Provide a short note for Board members setting out the <i>status quo</i> on the FSA's policy on Board briefings and the naming of food brands. (Para 7). An information note (INT 06/07/06) was circulated to Board members on 21 July.
13July06/O/294	Circulate copies of the Eves Report to Board members. (Para 26). Copies of the report were circulated to Board members on 21 July 2006
13July06/O/295	Provide Board members with further information on the FSA strategy for informing stakeholders (in relation to food supplements and fortified foods). (Para 44). A note was circulated to Board members on 28 July (INT 06/07/11).

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13July06/O/297	Provide further information on the statistical validity and methodology of the survey results (of hygiene standards in food premises in 2005), and the way in which individuals were assessed and identified. (Para 56). Further information on this was circulated to Board members on 15 September.
13July06/O/298 13July06/O/299	Seek an extension to the deadline for responding to the Macrory review. (Para 67). Clear the final response to the Macrory review with Board members intersessionally. (Para 67). An extension to the deadline was sought but no response was received and a draft response to the review team was subsequently circulated to Board members for comment on 4 August. The final response was sent to the review team on 14 August and circulated to Board members on 17 August.
13July06/O/300	Advise Ministers that the BSE testing system in UK abattoirs had proceeded successfully. (Para 86). The Chair wrote to Ministers on 21 July.
6Apr06/O/288	Director of Food Safety Policy to raise the possible wider use of tamper-evident packaging with Food Incidents Task Force that he now chaired. (Para 18). The issue has been raised with the Federation of Bakers and Rank Hovis McDougall and no further action by the FSA is planned at this stage.