

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

Index	Action	Due date	Progress to date
21Sep06/O/303	<p>Establish a set of priorities for labelling (para 50 bullet 1).</p> <p>Consider commissioning research to investigate real consumer behaviour (para 50 bullet 2).</p> <p>Organise Board Workshop to explore key labelling issues (para 50 bullet 3).</p>	<p>December 2006</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>December 2006</p>	<p>Invitations for the workshop in December, have been sent to the Board and SWANI FAC members.</p>

Actions from Previous Meetings

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13July06/O/296	<p>Provide more information on children's intakes of vitamins and minerals and data from studies on paediatric medicine. (Para 44)</p>	<p>January 2007</p>	<p>Information is being collected with a view to providing a paper for the Board by the end of January 2007.</p>
15June06/O/290	<p>The contingency plan for atypical scrapie in small ruminants to be put into the public domain, clearing wording with Board members beforehand. (Para 41)</p>	<p>End December 2006</p>	<p>An intersessional paper is being prepared for clearance with Board members. Plan to consult SEAC as part of paper development.</p>

Actions from Previous Meetings (continued)

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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 October 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. 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.
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)		
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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21Sep06/O/303	Submission of the draft response to the European Commission on food supplements which includes specific reference to children and explores what 'informed choice' means (Para 55). The comments from the Board were taken on board in addition to those comments received from Ministers. The draft response was cleared by MS(PH) and submitted to the European Commission on 29 September.
21Sep06/O/302	Ensure details of positive BSE test result are publicised in accordance with FSA's policy to ensure all information is made publicly available (Para 44). Defra publishes details of positive BSE cases on its website.
21Sep06/O/301	Provide a note to Board members on the GM testing regimes and assurance that sampling levels are adequate (Para 32). A note was circulated to the Board on 6 October.