

ACTIONS ARISING

Actions from Previous Meetings

Index	Action	Due date	Progress to date
21Sep06/O/303 a	Establish a set of priorities for labelling (para 50 bullet 1). (b) Consider commissioning research to investigate consumer behaviour (para 50 bullet 2).	February 2007 May 2007	The draft proposal will be included in a discussion paper for the February open meeting. An inventory of UK research has been compiled and a literature search is being commissioned. These will be used to help determine the direction of any further research.
13July06/O/296	Provide more information on children's intakes of vitamins and minerals and data from studies on paediatric medicine. (Para 44)	February 2007	Information is being collected with a view to providing a paper for the Board by the end of February 2007.
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 April 2007	An intersessional paper is being prepared for clearance with Board members. Plan to consult SEAC as part of paper development.
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.
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	Given the absence of any credible research proposals on prior approval (because of underlying basic statistical concerns), the Agency is considering other options. An intersessional paper is currently being drafted and will be sent to Board members shortly.

Completed Actions

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12Oct06/O/304	<p>Progress Report on consumer engagement to be provided to Board members in two years time (para 39). This has been scheduled for the October 2008 Board meeting.</p> <p>Provide update reports to Board members in six monthly intervals (para 39). Information notes will be circulated intersessionally to Board members, with the first one due in April 2007.</p>
<p>15June06/O/291</p> <p>13July06/O/292</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>Clear the wording of the FSA's current advice on the consumption of meat from sheep and goats with Board members. (Para 7)</p> <p>A consumer friendly draft briefing was circulated to Board members on 1 December for comment.</p>
21Sep06/O/303 c	<p>Organise Board Workshop to explore key labelling issues (para 50 bullet 5). The Board workshop was held on 5 December. The outcome will be communicated to Board members by an intersessional paper.</p>
8Dec05/O/285	<p>Provide an update note following the exercise to test arrangements for handling incidents. (Para 68). An update note was circulated to Board members on 24 November. This informed Board members that a table top exercise was held on 9th November 2006 at Leatherhead Food International. This was the first of its kind in recent years, with attendance from some major retailers and manufacturers, some Local Authorities and other Government Departments. Discussions focussed on how to deal with a large scale, deliberate food contamination incident, in particular roles and responsibilities and communications. A report will be produced for agreement with all parties and for wider dissemination, leading perhaps to a portfolio of "best practice". Initial feedback from the day was quite positive. The FSA are planning to hold further events of a similar nature in future but probably tailored to the needs of a wider range of stakeholders and to reflect a broader range of incident scenarios. The FSA also hope to develop the way forward in consultation with stakeholders.</p>