

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SCOTTISH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SFAC Meetings

1. The Scottish Food Advisory Committee (SFAC) met on 25 January 2006 in St Magnus House, Aberdeen. This was the first SFAC meeting chaired by Graeme Millar.
2. The main agenda items for discussion at the open meeting on 25 January were:
 - FSA Consultation on Voluntary Front of Pack Signpost Labelling Scheme for the UK. This item included a presentation from Susan Pryde, Head of Food Standards, Diet & Nutrition Branch, FSAS and an informative discussion from observers and SFAC members. This discussion assisted in formulating the official SFAC response, which will be submitted to FSA in due course.
 - Scottish Executive Environmental & Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD) consultation Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Sector. The discussion which took place amongst SFAC members, assisted with their official response to the consultation which will be submitted to SEERAD on 28 February 2006.
3. The next SFAC meeting will be the Annual Retreat and will take place at Norwood Hall, Aberdeen.
4. The next Open SFAC meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 April 2006. The venue for this is yet to be confirmed.

Meeting with others

- Graeme Millar, Chair of SFAC, attended a meeting as a member of the Agriculture Strategy Group, which is chaired by Ross Finnie, MSP.

- As a member of the FSA Audit Committee, Graeme Millar held discussions with external and internal auditors in Edinburgh on 11 January 2006.
- Graeme Millar met with the Office of Fair Trading on 19 January 2006.