

## REGISTER OF BOARD MEMBERS' INTERESTS

1. The following provisions for the declaration of interests and withdrawal from meetings are intended to prevent the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Board Members being influenced, or appearing to be influenced, by their private interests in the exercise of their collective public duties.
2. As a minimum, all personal or business interests which may or, in the judgement of the MHS Board Member, may be *perceived* by a reasonable member of the public to influence their judgement, should be declared. Such interests will include, but will not be limited to, involvement in the agriculture, food and related industries. In addition, other interests which do not appear to be immediately relevant to the work of the Agency may also be declared, at the discretion of the Board Member concerned.
3. MHS Board members are required to complete a Register of Board Members' Interests. There is no lower threshold for declaration of personal and non-personal interests, including shareholdings. Board Members are asked to inform the MHS Board Secretariat as soon as is practicable of any changes in their interests and, in any event, Board Members will be required to complete a form declaring their personal and non-personal interests once a year.
4. The Chairman, Deputy Chair and MHS Board Members must declare their relevant interests in issues to be discussed at formal meetings of the MHS Board. Wherever possible, the interest should be declared in advance of the meeting, but as a minimum must be declared prior to discussion of the relevant agenda item at the meeting. After Board Members have fully explained the nature of their interests the Chairman (or the Deputy Chair in the case of a declaration from the Chairman) will decide whether and to what extent the Board Member should participate in the discussion and determination of the issue. Where the Chairman has a relevant interest and does not participate in the meeting, the Deputy Chair will chair the discussion of the relevant agenda item. Minutes of formal meetings will record declarations made by the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Board Members and the extent of their participation in discussion.
5. The current register of interests for each of the Board members follows.

**MHS Board Secretariat**

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## **RICHARD AYRE**

### **Personal interests**

#### Consultancies and/or direct employment

Various short-term consultancies for broadcasting organisations, regulators, and international training organisations

#### Fee-paid work

Law Society contract as independent adjudicator

#### Shareholdings

None

#### Clubs and other organisations

Member (unpaid) of the advisory council of Sense About Science, a charity founded to promote scientific enquiry, rational debate and evidence as the basis for public policy decisions.

#### Other personal interests

None

### **Non-personal interests**

#### Fellowships

A former William Benton Fellow in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Chicago

#### Indirect support

None

#### Trusteeships

None

#### Land and property

None

#### Other public appointments

Magistrate on the West Norfolk bench

Civil Service Commissioner

Other non-personal interests

None

Last reviewed: April 2005

## **DR MAUREEN EDMONDSON**

### **Personal Interests**

#### Consultancies and/or direct employment

None

#### Fee Paid Work

None

#### Shareholdings

None

#### Clubs and other organisations

Advisory Board of the Northern Ireland Centre for Food and Nutrition (NICHE)  
Member of the Academic Board of Masters in European Food Regulatory Affairs  
(Ulster University)

#### Other personal interests

None

### **Non-personal interests**

#### Fellowships

Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology  
Honorary Fellow of European College of Sports Sciences

#### Indirect Support

Pension from Mars Pension Trustees Limited

Trusteeships

None

Land and Property

None

Other Public Appointments

None relevant to this appointment

Other Non-Personal Interests

None

Last Reviewed: March 2005

## VALERIE HOWARTH (BARONNESS HOWARTH OF BRECKLAND OBE)

### Personal interests

#### Consultancies and/or direct employment

None.

#### Fee-paid work

See other public appointments.

#### Shareholdings

None.

#### Clubs and other organisations

None.

#### Other personal interests

None relevant.

### Non-personal interests

#### Fellowships

None.

#### Indirect support

None.

#### Trusteeships

President and Trustee of John Grooms Association for Disabled People.

Vice Chair of the Faithfull Foundation.

Chair of Childrens Helplines International.<sup>1</sup>

Patron and Trustee of Little Hearts Matter.

#### Land and property

None.

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<sup>1</sup> From time to time charities engage in fundraising activities with a variety of corporate companies in the food industry.

Other public appointments

Board Member of the National Care Standards Commission (until 31 March 2004).

Member of the House of Lords.

Interim Board: Children and Families Court Advisory Service.

Other non-personal interests

None.

Last reviewed: March 2004

## **DR ALICK SIMMONS**

### **Personal interests**

#### Consultancies and/or direct employment

Employed full time as Veterinary Director of the FSA

#### Fee-paid work

None

#### Shareholdings

None.

#### Clubs and other organisations

None.

#### Other personal interests

None

### **Non-personal interests**

#### Fellowships

None.

#### Indirect support

None.

#### Trusteeships

None

#### Land and property

Tenant of small holding used for grazing livestock

#### Other public appointments

Spouse is a non-executive director of South Somerset Primary Care Trust and self-employed social services charity consultant

#### Other non-personal interests

None

Last reviewed: May 2005

**DR JON BELL**  
Details to follow