## **ACTIONS ARISING - BOARD MEETING**

From the FSA Board Meeting on 26 August 2020

Index	Action	Due Date	Owner and progress to date
Action 1 - (FSA 20/08/03) Chief Executive's Report to the Board	To provide information about FSA advice on hand sanitisers in food establishments to the Board.	16 September	Complete - The FSA's advice to food manufacturing businesses, which have adapted and continued to operate during COVID-19, is to continue to use their regular cleaning chemicals, including BS EN certified disinfectants or sanitisers, as these are considered to be effective against most foodborne bacteria and viruses, including the SARS-COV-2 virus. If businesses' regular cleaning chemicals are unavailable, we have advised that both alcoholbased sanitisers/surface disinfectants in concentrations of 70-80% (WHO COVID-19 and food safety: guidance for food businesses) and common disinfectants based on ammonium compounds or chlorine (bleach), can be effective.
			It is likely that formulations including 60% ethanol would also be effective against coronavirus and the US CDC has chosen to formally recommend that hand rub products should contain at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol as active ingredients. However, because the UK system requires manufacturers to ensure that products they supply are suitably efficacious, including meeting any necessary testing standards, we feel it would not be appropriate for the FSA to issue specific recommendations on formulation. In addition, any enforcement activities in this area would fall outside the remit of FSA.

Action 2 - (FSA 20/08/03) Chief Executive's Report to the Board	To provide an update on assurances of IPAFFS effectiveness to Board in September.	16 September	Complete – Update included in Chief Executive's Report.
Action 3 - (FSA 20/08/05) Annual Update on the FSA's Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Programme	To update the Board on discussions about maintaining AMR surveillance outside of the EU surveillance programme.	16 September	Complete - We can confirm we are actively pursuing a continuation of the AMR surveillance programme, to provide ongoing continuity of this valuable data. We are currently working with policy and legal colleagues to understand how we migrate from the EU statutory framework to a UK-based one. We are also working with other departments (in particular the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, VMD) to explore options on the future sampling model and the framework by which this is conducted.
Action 4 - (FSA 20/08/06) Annual Report on Horizon Scanning Programme	To consider the success measures for the horizon scanning work.		Julie Pierce and Rick Mumford  In Progress – Success criteria will be considered in discussions across all relevant Directorates.
Action 5 - (FSA 20/08/07) Final Report from the Science Council Working Group on Data Usage & Digital Technology and FSA Response	To discuss consumer engagement on data usage with Director of Communications.	16 September	Complete - Julie Pierce and Justin Everard (Head of External Communications) have discussed the most appropriate way forward. As well as agreeing on the importance of consumer engagement on data usage we also think that best way to gain rich and valid insight from consumers is by using an appropriate 'hook' to interest and stimulate consumer debate. We will proceed on a case by case basis, ensuring that when

we have an opportunity to secure consumer insight we will take it. UK National Data Strategy, which is due to be published soon, may also give us an opportunity to talk
to consumers, potentially as part of
a cross government initiative.

## ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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Action 3 - (FSA 20/03/03)  Chief Executive's Report to the Board	To provide an update on evidence relating to CBD and consumer safety at the halfway point in the 12-month period.	16 September	Rebecca Sudworth  Complete: Update to be included in CE's report to the Board for October.
Action 6 - (FSA 20/03/08)  Beef Burgers Served Less Than Thoroughly Cooked: Update	To provide update to Board Members on the outcome of the consultation on the proposed revision to the guidance on less than thoroughly cooked burgers and on the additional level of assurance about the triggers, controls, and the ability to monitor and implement them.		Public consultation on the updated guidance has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Key stakeholders who use the guidance, including local authorities and food businesses, are unlikely to be able to respond to a consultation during these unprecedented times. The position will be regularly reviewed and a consultation launched when appropriate. In the meantime, the first draft of the updated guidance has been circulated to internal colleagues for comment and a Business Impact Assessment is underway. Work on triggers to monitor and provide assurances that control are being applied effectively has also been delayed due the COVID-19 pandemic. Work will begin again as resources become available.

Action 4 - (FSA 20/01/08) Food	Provide a future Board meeting with specific	Rebecca Sudworth Complete
Hypersensitivity Strategy	advice on food businesses that presented particular risks to 16-24 year olds, and actions to help mitigate those risks and assist businesses in understanding and meeting their legal obligations.	Scheduled for discussion at the Board in December.
Action 5 - (FSA 20/01/08)	To include information about	Rebecca Sudworth Complete
Food Hypersensitivity Strategy	progress towards an 'at-a-glance' scheme for allergen information provision in future Allergens Update paper.	Progress to be reported to the Board in December 20.
Action 8 - (FSA 20/01/14)	To consider triaging of issues to ensure that the	Rebecca Sudworth Complete
Risk Analysis Process: Update	AFFF achieved the Board's original intentions, and to revert to the Board with proposals on how this could be done.	Proposals for triaging included for discussion at September Board meeting.