

**Open Meeting Of The
Northern Ireland Food
Advisory Committee On 16
November at the FSA
Office, Belfast.**

Contents

Agenda.....	3
Minutes Of Open Meeting On 12 September 2016	5
Update from Director for NI and Organisational Development to NIFAC 16 November 2016.....	13
FSA Science: Retrospective Update And Prospective Priorities	21
Food And Feed Surveillance	22
Developing Proportionate Controls For Risky Foods	23
Update from the FSA in NI Communications Team	24

**OPEN MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER – FSA OFFICE, BELFAST.**

Agenda

1. 9.55 AM – Welcome and introductions
2. 10.05 AM – Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2016
3. 10.10 AM – Chair's report and Director's update
4. 10.25 AM – **Review Of The National Food Crime Unit – Kate Todd**
5. 10.55 AM – **FSA Science: Retrospective Update And Prospective Priorities – Guy Poppy/ Patrick Miller**
6. 11.30 AM – **Food And Feed Surveillance – Javier Dominguez**
7. 12.00 PM – **Developing Proportionate Controls For Risky Foods – Patrick Miller**
8. 12.30 PM – **FSA in NI Communications – Roberta Ferson**
9. 1.00 PM – AoB
10. 1.05 PM – **Close**

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION
Minutes Of Open Meeting On 12 September 2016

Executive Summary

Attached are the minutes of the 12 September NIFAC open meeting.

Members are invited to:

- Agree minutes as a true record of proceedings.

FSA Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas

Tel: 028 9041 7762

Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

REF NIFAC MINUTES 5/16
OPEN MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (NIFAC) ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016, 10.00AM, AT THE FSA
OFFICES, BELFAST.

Those present:	FSA
<p><u>NIFAC members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colm McKenna – Chairman. • Aodhan O’Donnell. • Christine Kennedy. • Phelim O’Neill. • Colin Reid. • Elizabeth Mitchell. • Brian Smyth. <p><u>External attendees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tristen Kelso – Stratagem NI. • Quintin Oliver – Stratagem NI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Jennings – Director for Northern Ireland and Organisational Development. • Michael Jackson –NI Head of Local Authority Policy and Delivery. • Seth Chanas – NIFAC Secretariat. • Kirsten Dunbar – NI Head of Operational Policy and Delivery. • Joanne Casey – NI Standards and Dietary Health team. <p><u>By Video/Teleconference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Feeney – Chief Operating Officer. • Nina Purcell – Director of Wales and Local Delivery. • Ely Mirzahosseinkhan – Consumer Engagement Manager.

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. This is the first meeting of NIFAC within the Chairmanship of Colm McKenna. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained that there were no apologies from NIFAC members or executive.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 6 July 2016.

2.1. The Chair asked if there were any comments on the minutes of NIFAC’s open meeting on 6 July. No changes were requested and the Secretariat agreed to arrange for the publication of the minute.

Action Point – Secretariat to make arrangements for publication of the minutes of the NIFAC meeting on 6 July 2016.

3. Chair’s Report and Director’s Update

- 3.1. As the Chair had been in post for a short period of time, he informed the Committee that future updates would likely be more substantial. He provided NIFAC with a brief summary of his background and other Chairmanships held.
- 3.2. Maria Jennings updated the Committee on items from the Director’s report contained in the meeting papers, including:
 - Reporting of Incidents.
 - BSE Negligible Risk Status.
 - FHRS.
 - LMC Quality Approved scheme for Beef and Lamb.
 - Programme for Government.
- 3.3. On reporting of incidents, it was asked whether it would be possible to include an improved geographical breakdown of incidents. Maria Jennings explained that this could be done for future reports.

Action Point – Maria Jennings to seek to include more detailed geographic breakdown of incidents for future reports.

- 3.4. It was explained that the Republic of Ireland had been successful in achieving negligible risk status for BSE. NI is hopeful of achieving a similar status but is applying as a region. Negligible risk status is normally granted on a national basis.
- 3.5. Maria Jennings explained that we are on course for the planned 7 October implementation of the mandatory display of food hygiene ratings under the FHRS scheme. There will be an accompanying campaign following mandation informing consumers that they should expect to see it. This will likely take place before Christmas 2016.
- 3.6. The Committee was informed that LMC quality approved scheme for beef and lamb can now become part of the inspection regime.
- 3.7. Maria Jennings explained that the FSA in NI had been talking to Permanent Secretaries from various Executive departments over the role the FSA can play in implementing the new Programme for Government. NIFAC will hear more about the implications for the FSA and NIFAC with the presentation from Stratagem NI later in the meeting.

4. Animal Welfare.

4.1. The Chair welcomed Jason Feeney the FSA's Chief Operating Officer, by video link from the FSA's office at Foss House in York. The paper covered:

- the background to the paper, clarifying roles and responsibilities around animal welfare;
- incidents including the footage from Simply Halal;
- the focus of the FSA's systemic response;
- a forward look; and
- areas for the Board's consideration.

4.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- This is a good paper and should be a good news story for consumers, demonstrating the seriousness with which the FSA is treating the issue of animal welfare. This is an issue that holds importance for citizens across England, Wales and Northern Ireland whether consumers of meat and animal products or not. This paper presents an opportunity to raise the profile of this area of work.
- The Committee noted that, in Northern Ireland, the policy, delivery and enforcement of animal welfare issues is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and they hold the NI specific figures related to animal welfare. If the FSA is moving towards a position of disclosure around the figures, it will be important that Northern Ireland is not left out. Northern Ireland citizens will want this information. It will be key to consider discussions with DAERA around the publication of these figures.
- The paper raises the issue of intelligence gathered from behavioural economics in the meat industry. It will be interesting to hear more about the impacts of this approach in England and Wales to see what lessons could be learned for the meat industry in Northern Ireland and how the intelligence gathered to date has been applied.
- Consideration should also be given to false impressions of high standards of animal welfare that could be created by the use of terms such as free-range. The animals involved in the production of a product may be free-range but there will be a communications challenge to ensure that consumers are aware of the limits this claim has for welfare standards.

4.3. The Chair thanked Jason Feeney for bringing this paper to NIFAC for consideration.

5. Regulating Our Future Programme Update.

5.1. The Chair welcomed Nina Purcell, FSA Director of Wales and Local Delivery, to introduce this paper by video link from the FSA's office at Southgate House in Cardiff. The presentation covered:

- the background to Regulating Our Future;
- the Hothouse events;
- stakeholder engagement and insight;
- work to align business as usual with the Regulating our Future; and
- risks.

5.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- NIFAC noted that this area is one that is likely to experience a significant impact from the UK's exit from the European Union and were reassured to hear that a detailed impact assessment on the ramifications of this for the Regulating Our Future programme has been carried out, acknowledging that contingency planning is necessarily speculative without more detailed knowledge of the Government strategy for EU withdrawal.
- While it is early to judge the efficacy of the Hothouse events, the first results show promise in identifying where improvements in the regulatory system can be made. The early focus on large, multi-outlet businesses will give an early indication of the number of inspections businesses are subject to when operating across the UK. This could allow for a better appraisal of the value of these inspections.
- The Committee expressed support for the direction of travel but also emphasised the risks involved in ensuring resource availability for what is a significant change in model for the FSA. The proliferation of external expert groups set up to deliver the programme since NIFAC's previous update on the programme in May appears to evidence the scale of the programme.

5.3. The Chair thanked Nina Purcell for this update.

6. Programme for Government.

6.1. The Chair welcomed Quintin Oliver and Tristen Kelso of Stratagem NI to the meeting to deliver a presentation setting out an overview of the new Northern Ireland Executive's Program for Government (PfG) approach, considering implications for the FSA. The presentation covered:

- the Towards Wellbeing Framework;

- how the PfG should work in practice;
- the outcomes pyramid;
- the 14 draft outcomes;
- the 42 draft indicators;
- the PfG timeline;
- issues for the FSA and for NIFAC;
- the wider context; and
- roles and responsibilities.

6.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following comments were made:

- NIFAC noted that this is the largest change in public sector culture in Northern Ireland since the foundation of the present devolved administration and it will be key to examine thoroughly how a similar, outcomes based approach has worked in Scotland and, importantly, where it has fallen short to ensure that similar mistakes can be avoided in Northern Ireland.
- The FSA should also seek to ensure that the language we use reflects that of the PfG to highlight to the Executive the role of the FSA in delivering the indicators for those outcomes where the FSA's policies will have an impact. The FSA in NI receives its funding though the NI Department of Finance and it will be important to be able to demonstrate to them the value the FSA already brings in delivering the PfG.

6.3. The Chair thanked Quintin Oliver and Tristen Kelso for bringing this item to the Committee.

7. The Consumer Interest In The Food System.

7.1. The Chair welcomed Ely Mirzahosseinkhan, FSA Consumer Engagement Manager to the meeting to introduce a paper by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London. The presentation covered:

- the prioritisation of issues;
- supporting the Board's decision making;
- building a listening culture;
- the direct involvement with citizens; and
- the difference in considering citizens as opposed to consumers.

7.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- This is a good paper and the Annexes in particular are impressive, giving good visual representations of the issues.

- Many of the issues faced by the FSA in terms of consumer insight will inevitably be faced by other regulators across a range of sectors. NIFAC advises continued engagement with other regulators to see where information sharing can benefit the FSA.
- NIFAC also supports the suggestion in the paper of an enhanced role for the members of the FSA Board as well as members of NIFAC and WFAC in engaging with consumers. NIFAC members would also be keen to hear about upcoming citizen's group events.
- The work highlights the fact that there is no such thing as the typical consumer and that local data is essential.

7.3. The Chair thanked Ely Mirzahosseinkhan for assisting with the Committee's consideration of this paper.

8. Update from the FSA in NI Standards and Dietary Health Team.

8.1. The Chair welcomed Sharon Gilmore, the FSA in NI's Head of Standards and Dietary Health to the meeting to deliver a presentation on the work of this team. This was the fourth update of a series where the various teams within the FSA in NI take turns to provide updates to NIFAC about key activities and work carried out by that team. The presentation covered:

- the members of the Standards and Dietary Health Team;
- responsibilities of the team and the link to the FSA strategy 2015-2020;
- work on Food standards and partner organisations;
- standards enforcement and priorities;
- consumer insight;
- dietary health policy;
- NI specific evidence;
- work with the NI District Councils; and
- Successes and challenges.

8.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- This was an excellent presentation and the whole team is to be congratulated for the scope and scale of the work carried out in Standards and Dietary Health. This is a particularly important area for the FSA with Northern Ireland as the only region where the FSA retains a dietary health responsibility.

8.3. The Chair thanked Sharon Gilmore for bringing this item to the Committee.

Any Other Business

8.4. No further business was raised and the meeting was closed. The next Open meeting will be held on 16 November.

TABLE OF ACTION POINTS

No	Action	To be actioned by	To be completed by
1.	To make arrangements for publication of the minutes of the NIFAC meeting on 6 July 2016.	Secretariat	16/11/2016
2.	To seek to include more detailed geographic breakdown of incidents for future reports.	Director	

PAPER FOR INFORMATION

Update from Director for NI and Organisational Development to NIFAC 16 November 2016

Executive Summary

Attached is the FSA in NI Director's update to the Committee for November 2016. This report covers the period from 12 September to 9 November.

- No action by members is necessary.

FSA Northern Ireland

Contact Seth Chanas

Tel 028 9041 7762

Email seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Food Is Safe

OPSON VI – Food Supplements.

Operation OPSON is a Europol and Interpol led initiative against fake and illicit food worldwide. It is led in the UK by the Intellectual Property Office and the Food Standards Agency. Each year enforcement agencies are asked to give a particular focus to illicit foods during the Operation OPSON operational period.

Last year saw the first NI coordinated response to Operation OPSON through multi-agency working, with a focus on illicit alcohol. During the operational period over 450 bottles of illicit alcohol were seized, with a value of over £5,500.

The focus for Operation OPSON VI this year in NI will be on food supplements, effectively combining the sampling activity on food supplements for the UK National Co-ordinated Sampling Plan within the operational period for OPSON VI (November/December 2016).

Multi agency working has begun; a food supplements training day for Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) took place on 27th October and an information leaflet on food supplements was distributed to relevant food businesses in Northern Ireland.

Operation Rosetta.

In August 2016 the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) identified a male person that they suspected was selling 2, 4 – Dinitrophenol (DNP) via the internet. This is a yellow powder sold in capsule form that is bought by persons seeking to make dramatic weight losses. DNP is not illegal for sale in the UK, except where sold for human consumption. It is not a medicine or pharmaceutical product and so does not come under the remit of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency. It is illegal to sell this product for human consumption as it is injurious to health.

The male suspect was found to be living in Bangor, County Down. The Food Fraud Liaison Officer (FFLO) for the FSA in NI co –ordinated an operation with the assistance of the NFCU, PSNI and Ards and North Down Borough Council. In early September 2016 a search was carried out at the suspect's home. As a result of this activity a quantity of DNP was recovered and evidential records seized that indicated that the suspect was selling DNP via his website.

The suspect has been interviewed and a prosecution file is being prepared by officers within Ards & North Down Borough Council.

Dairy Stakeholder Meeting.

The Operational Policy and Delivery Team organised a meeting with representatives of the NI dairy industry on 26 October where Michael Jackson provided an update on Regulating our Future and sought views on the implications for the delivery of official controls in the dairy industry.

A colleague from the Republic of Ireland's Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) delivered a presentation the approach to the delivery of official

controls at dairy farms there, which is funded by a levy, collected at milk purchaser levels, from producers and places the responsibility on milk purchasers to ensure the farms from which their milk is supplied are compliant.

Colleagues from the Department of Agriculture, the Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and the Operational Policy and Delivery team highlighted proposals to focus on the small number of dairy farms in NI that are not compliant with food law. The FSA in NI outlined a proposal to share details of non-compliant dairy farms with milk purchasers so that milk purchasers can provide assistance to these farmers and DAERA officials provided details of a proposed education course, in collaboration with the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE), to support non-compliant dairy farmers in gaining compliance with food law.

Food Is What It Says It Is

Control of allergens in the catering setting.

On Monday 19 September, the Standards and Dietary Health Team in collaboration with **safefood**/Gluten Free Ireland presented the UK standards policy on provision of the 14 allergens information to consumers in both pre-packed and loose foods in the catering setting. The event entitled 'Catering for food hypersensitivity: a win-win for all' was arranged through **safefood** knowledge network and was targeted at representatives from the catering sector in Northern Ireland. The conference provided practical information on how to control food allergens including sourcing free-from food products, the legal aspects of food allergen management and a 'how to' demonstration of cooking with allergens in mind.

Promotion of allergen information and Calories on menus with catering sector.

The FSA in NI's Standards and Dietary Health Team recently participated in judging the Northern Ireland Hotel Federation Restaurant of the Year competition 2016. Eleven of Northern Ireland's top hotels competed in a cook off to prepare a main course and dessert using a mystery basket of ingredients. They were judged on the flavour, cooking, and quality of food, creativity of the menu as well as service and presentation. All of the ingredients had to be entered into MenuCal to reveal the calorie content and allergen information per portion. This was a unique and exciting opportunity for the team to provide practical support and discuss tips on healthier product improvement with chefs and promote the use of MenuCal within this sector.

Workshop for manufacturers on mandatory nutrition labelling.

On Thursday 29 September, the Standards and Dietary Health Team in partnership with CAFRE held a seminar and practical workshop session for businesses in Northern Ireland on mandatory nutrition labelling for prepacked foods. With over 100 businesses representatives in attendance, opportunity was also taken to share National Diet and Nutrition Survey data high level findings specific to Northern Ireland consumers on nutrition status and consumption patterns.

Small and medium sized businesses were provided with practical information on the nutritional aspects of EU Information to Consumers Regulation (No. 1169/2011). Nutrition labelling will become a mandatory requirement from 13 December for the majority of prepacked foods. Information on voluntary front of pack nutrition labelling was also included, with a representative from industry outlining practical aspects undertaken to apply front of pack nutrition labelling onto their products.

Gathering And Using Science, Evidence And Information.

Antimicrobial use in broiler production.

On 3 October, the FSA in NI Head of Operational Policy and Delivery met with Ursula Lavery and Anne Richmond of Moy Park to discuss reductions in antimicrobial use. At the meeting, Moy Park delivered a presentation demonstrating a significant reduction in antimicrobial usage and the procedures introduced to enable this to happen. Information on previous research and current programmes was also presented at the meeting.

Annual review of Food Fortress Information Exchange Protocol.

On the 21 September, members of the FSA in NI's Operational Policy and Delivery team met with representatives of DAERA and the Northern Ireland Grain Trade Association (NIGTA) to discuss the protocol for the Food Fortress Information Exchange. This is an annual meeting to review the protocol and discuss any emerging issues.

All parties were happy with the protocol, with no revision deemed necessary. NIGTA enquired how Food Fortress (FF) might qualify for earned recognition (ER). FSA representatives explained that FF wasn't categorised as an assurance scheme, so it was unlikely to be approved for the purposes of ER. However both FSA and DAERA were able to offer assurance that FF was recognised in terms of risk assessment, particularly with regard to sampling. Ongoing account is taken of the outcomes of FF in the Official Feed Sampling Plan. FF is carrying out a pilot scheme with feed importers, has included native grains in its programme and is examining whether scheme accreditation would be cost effective. It is also looking at a scheme for home mixers of feed, e.g. large pig farms.

Emerging trends were discussed, including cadmium and mycotoxins. NIGTA informed the meeting on paraquat as a potential emerging issue as use is banned in the EU but used in South America. DAERA commented that they were aware of high background levels of iron in some samples and suggested it would be useful to gain further information from FF. FSA informed the meeting that it would hold its NI feed stakeholder meeting on 7 December. All parties agreed that the meeting should include specific NI agenda items and updates with particular reference to FF.

Recycled Manure Solids.

On 22 September, members of the FSA in NI's Operational Policy and Delivery team met with representatives of DAERA, Bauer and Genesis Distribution to discuss policy around Recycled Manure Solids (RMS).

DAERA outlined the NI position in that there is an Industry/Department TB Strategic Partnership Group (TBSPG) considering all aspects of TB in NI and bringing forward a strategy to eradicate TB here. At the present time DAERA is not content to change the policy position to allow RMS as bedding due to uncertainties about the role of slurry in spread of TB and the potential risk of disease spread. A TBSPG report is due by the end of the year.

Bauer asked why Northern Ireland was taking a different approach to the rest of the UK in relation to permitting RMS as use for bedding. DAERA re-iterated the point regarding TB concerns and advised that it was a Devolved Administration decision.

Bauer explained their view on potential RMS benefits with comparison to traditional bedding methods. FSA advised that we would be taking a cautious approach to RMS use and appropriate action would be taken should any issues or concerns arise as a result of its use.

Empowering Consumers

Update on NI Food Poverty Conference

On the 13 September the second annual conference linked to the All-island Food Poverty Network was held, co-chaired in partnership by FSA in NI and safefood. The network aims to develop a coordinated approach to tackling the issue of food poverty on the island of Ireland. The conference was well attended by government departments and agencies, academia and those in strategic positions in the voluntary community sector. All with a common interest in reducing food poverty. It was an opportunity to share new insights into the latest research and explore alternative ways to tackling food poverty.

The Food Basket report was launched on the same morning. The survey revealed that low income households need to spend around a third of their take home income on a minimum acceptable food basket. These findings captured the attention of the media and the report received extensive coverage on radio, TV and online news with all of the local BBC channels covering the issues from different perspectives. The Food Poverty Network will now establish an action plan in NI for 2017/18 and beyond.

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

The statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in Northern Ireland came into operation on 7 October, making it a legal requirement for food business operators to display their hygiene rating sticker in a position where it can be easily read and readily seen by consumers before they enter the premises. The Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 provides for transitional arrangements to allow ratings from the voluntary scheme to be issued under the statutory scheme and District Councils (DCs) in Northern Ireland have agreed to maximise the use of this provision. This approach will result in the region of 85-90% of businesses within scope of the scheme receiving notification of their statutory rating before the end of October and remaining businesses will receive a statutory rating within 12 months.

Introduction of the statutory scheme received significant media coverage with features on the new scheme running throughout 7 October on regional television and radio.

In advance of the scheme coming into operation two training events were delivered on 20/21 September for all food safety officers within DCs who will be responsible for implementation of the statutory scheme. The training events were developed in partnership with the NI FHRS Implementation Group and contained a significant focus on the display requirements and action to be taken in respect of non-compliance. There is broad support for a regionally co-ordinated approach to ensuring compliance with the display requirements and this will be developed by the Implementation Group and delivered in accordance with agreed timelines.

A meeting took place on 12 October with Just Eat, an aggregator that provides a platform for ordering food online from take-aways and restaurants, to discuss the findings of research that the company has conducted in relation to providing hygiene rating information in online environments. This research will be taken into consideration in drafting the regulations for publication of ratings where food can be ordered online, which we intend to consult on before the end of the year.

Aligning Incentives

Food product improvement

The Standards and Dietary Health team is developing a programme of food product improvement with NI businesses that produce foods that contribute most to key nutrients of public health interest in the NI population. This programme will be progressed across all sectors of the food industry including manufacturing, retail, out of home (cafes, restaurants) etc. and is currently included in the Programme for Government consultation.

This programme is already progressing with the out of home sector, through the Calories on Menus programme with local food businesses indicating the MenuCal tool is being used, not only to display calories and allergens on menus, but also to improve the food served whether through recipe modification or portion control. A 4-5 year action plan for the manufacturing and retail sector is being developed in partnership with CAFRE which includes the food innovation centre. This work will be both influenced and aligned with work carried out at national level by Department of Health in England and Public Health England with the nine food categories that have been identified as contributing most to children's sugar intakes. It will also be influenced by the evidence based priorities noted in the EU Netherlands Roadmap and food product improvement that is currently being scoped out in the Republic of Ireland.

NI Approvals Forum

A meeting of the NI Approvals Forum, chaired by the Operational Policy and Delivery Team, was held on 12 September. The purpose of this group is to improve consistency and promote collaboration between enforcement authorities; and discuss and resolve common issues relating to the delivery of official controls

in approved establishments. It includes representatives of FSA in NI, DCs, DAERA Veterinary Public Health Trade Programme and Agri-Food Inspection Branch. Discussions at this meeting included the FSA's work on Regulating our Future in relation to approved establishments and the impact of Brexit.

Cross Border Dairy Meeting

Members of the Operational Policy and Delivery Team met with colleagues from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) responsible for dairy hygiene official controls in ROI to discuss areas of mutual interest on 20 September.

Items discussed included:

- an update on the FSA's project Regulating our Future,
- the approach to official control delivery at dairy farms in ROI,
- the increased interest in sales of raw drinking milk in UK and ROI, and
- the implications of Brexit for the dairy industry in both NI and ROI.

M Jennings

Director for NI and Organisational Development.

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

Review Of The National Food Crime Unit

Executive Summary

Kate Todd, FSA EU & International Strategy, will introduce the above paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. This item will be presented by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London.

The full paper can be found on the FSA website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa161106.pdf>

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas

Tel: 028 9041 7762

Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

FSA Science: Retrospective Update And Prospective Priorities

Executive Summary

Patrick Miller of the FSA's Research Strategy, Policy & Coordination team, will introduce the above paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. This item will be presented by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London.

The full paper can be found on the FSA website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa161104.pdf>

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas

Tel: 028 9041 7762

Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION
Food And Feed Surveillance

Executive Summary

Javier Dominguez, the FSA's Veterinary Director and Head of Science, Evidence and Research, will introduce the above paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. This item will be presented by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London.

The full paper can be found on the FSA website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa161105.pdf>

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas
Tel: 028 9041 7762
Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

Developing Proportionate Controls For Risky Foods

Executive Summary

Patrick Miller, Joint Head of the Chief Scientific Adviser's Team, will introduce the above paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. This item will be presented by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London.

The full paper can be found on the FSA website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa161107.pdf>

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas

Tel: 028 9041 7762

Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

Update from the FSA in NI Communications Team

Executive Summary

Roberta Ferson, the FSA in NI's Head of Finance, Business Support and Communications, will deliver a presentation on the work of this team. This is the fifth update of a series where the various teams within the FSA in NI will take turns to update NIFAC on key activities and work carried out by that team. A handout containing the slides to accompany this presentation will be tabled at the meeting.

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland

Contact: Seth Chanas

Tel: 028 9041 7762

Email: seth.chanas@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk