

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

FOLLOW UP FROM THE ALLERGY WORKSHOP

Issue

1. The Committee is asked to reflect on the workshop held at the last meeting on food allergy and assessing food allergenicity, in the novel foods and GMOs. The aim of the item is to identify the key learnings from the session and see how this informs future ACNFP assessments.

Background

2. At the last ACNFP meeting a workshop on food allergy and assessment of allergenicity in new foods was conducted. It covered types of food allergy, key allergens, clinical management of food allergy and the approach taken when completing an allergenicity risk assessment on new foods entering the market.
3. The FSA is seeking to build on the workshop to explore the learning and see how they can be used to inform future ACNFP assessments. We propose a discussion session to gather the Committee's reflections. The outcomes will be written up into a list of actions for the Secretariat to take forward as appropriate.

Committee Action Required

To consider and discuss the following questions:

- What are the key themes from the workshop that FSA and ACNFP need to focus on regarding food allergy and allergenic risk assessment of new foods?
- In members view how could the allergenicity risk assessment of novel foods and GMOs differ and how this should inform our assessment?
- Does the information currently received in applications and as recommended in the guidance documents provide a suitable basis for a proportionate assessment of the allergenicity of new foods entering the market?
- Are there areas of work related to the allergenicity risk assessment that would benefit from further consideration by the Committee?