

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

Annual Report

Issue

1. The Committee issues a report, annually, outlining the work it has carried out in the preceding year. A draft of the 2020 report is attached for comment (**Annex A**).

Background

2. The report includes links to the ACNFP website and 2020 meeting page leading readers to the agendas, minutes and committee papers for discussion of previous meetings.
3. A link to the ACNFP Food Assessment pages providing detail of the process for submitting and authorising Novel and Traditional Foods, Genetically Modified Food & Feed for the UK which came into effect 1st January 2021 has been included. The process followed during 2020 before this came into effect has been described in the report.
4. A link to the member interest's page on the ACNFP website has also been provided.
5. The Food Standards Agency's Good Practice Guidelines contain a list of principles which each FSA Committee is asked to reconsider annually as part of the preparation of its annual report. The Good Practice Guidelines are on pages 17-23. Recognising the range of activities of the different Committees, the good practice document notes that not all the guidelines will apply to all Committees all of the time.
6. If Members are content, it is proposed that the final text of the report be cleared by Chair's action. However, a re-draft will be circulated to Members for comment if any substantial points are raised.

Committee Actions Required

- Members are also asked to consider the Committee's performance during 2020 against the Good Practice Guidelines and to suggest any areas where the ACNFP should review or adapt its working practices (pages 17-23).
- Members are requested to provide substantive comments on the report at the meeting. Any minor drafting points can be sent directly to the Secretariat.

Annexes

Annex A – Annual Report

Secretariat

April 2021