

**ACNFP/SACN SUBGROUP ON APPROACHES TO THE NUTRITIONAL
ASSESSMENT OF NOVEL FOODS**

**DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF NOVEL
FOODS**

Issue

The Secretariat has drawn up a revised draft of the report which, when completed, will be issued as guidance for applicants, defining which nutritional data should be provided under different circumstances. Members are invited to comment on the proposed structure of the report and on the section on nutritional assessment.

Background

At its second meeting (August 2004), the Sub-Group considered a first draft of its report,. That document has now been updated in the light of Member's' comments and the revised draft is attached.

Members may wish to note the following:

The background sections cover the material presented at the April 2004 meeting and have been fleshed out with the relevant detail. As previously advised, the Secretariat has identified 6 case studies which are described in detail in an Appendix 1; these provide a useful illustration of the range of novel products that the guidelines will cover, as well as describing the way that evaluations to date have been carried out.

The Secretariat has proposed a new section on "Scope", which might explain what is meant by "nutritional assessment", so minimise any confusion between "safety assessment" and "nutritional assessment".

The section on existing guidelines has been complemented by an Appendix 2 which includes the text of the relevant sections of existing guidelines that deal with nutritional assessment. (These texts were also attached to papers ANANF/2 and ANANF/7). The Subgroup may wish to consider whether it is useful to include this level of information with the report.

The main thrust of the report is contained in the sections "Principles of nutritional assessment" and "Data required for nutritional assessment". As noted previously, these sections draw on existing guidelines – particularly those issued in draft by Health Canada in June 2003 – and on the Sub-Group's earlier discussions.

Action required

The Sub-Group is invited to comment on the text of the draft report, including highlighted questions.

**Secretariat
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Annexes attached

Annex 1 – Draft Guidelines for the Nutritional Assessment of Novel Foods
(Restricted)