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To: Interested Parties

**Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) Vitamin A Draft Report**

On behalf of the SACN, I am writing to invite comments on their draft report on vitamin A before it is finalised and published.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) asked SACN to reassess dietary advice to consumers on foods and supplements containing vitamin A following the report of the Expert Group on Vitamins and Minerals<sup>1</sup>. The specific terms of reference for the work were to review the current advice to consumers on vitamin A intakes and consumption of liver, and to consider other strategies that might reduce the retinol intake of higher consumers.

The draft report explains the background to SACN's consideration of this issue as well as detailing the way consideration of the evidence base was structured, the evidence considered and the conclusions reached. The draft report has been prepared by SACN but does not necessarily represent the final views of the committee and it does not represent the policy of Health Departments and the Food Standards Agency.

Once interested parties comments have been taken into account and the draft report has been agreed by the committee it will be published and presented to the Food Standards Agency and Health Departments to take forward.

The report can be found at **[www.sacn.gov.uk](http://www.sacn.gov.uk)** along with details on how to respond. You can also contact the SACN Secretariat for hard copies at Room 808c Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NH. Tel: 0207 276 8902, or email; [sacn@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sacn@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk). **Comments are requested not later than 8 April 2005.**

Although this opportunity to comment is not a formal consultation, it is being undertaken within the normal framework of openness. Please feel free to bring the draft report to the attention of anyone you believe may have an interest in it.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Allder  
SACN Secretariat

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.food.gov.uk/science/ouradvisors/vitandmin/>

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