

Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition

**Paper for discussion: ACNFP /SACN Subgroup on
Nutritional Assessment of Novel Foods
(AFNNOF)**

Agenda item: 4

Please see the attached paper. Members are invited to note the subgroup and offer any comment on its remit.

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Background

- The Chair of SACN corresponded with the Agency on nutritional safety assessment issues relating to genetically modified foods (SACN 03/10). A meeting was held with the Chair and Agency officials in October to discuss the matter.
- It was agreed that the criteria for judging nutritional safety is necessary. A structured approach needs to be taken for assessing GM and other novel foods particularly with regard to at risk groups and in situations where a product maybe a staple or a primary food.
- It was also agreed that a joint subgroup made up of members from Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (ACNFP) and SACN should be formed to consider the issue. The Chair of the two committees nominated members. A small group consisting of SACN members Tony Williams, John Cummings and Christine Williams as well as Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (ACNFP) members Ian Rowland and Jill Brand have accepted.
- The first meeting of the subgroup on the Assessment for Nutrition of Novel Foods (AFNNOF) will be held in March. The Committee will be kept informed of developments at the next meeting.