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**ACNFP/SACN SUB-GROUP ON APPROACHES  
TO THE NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF  
NOVEL FOODS**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING HELD  
ON 5 AUGUST 2004**

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ACNFP/SACN SUB-GROUP ON APPROACHES TO THE NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF NOVEL FOODS, HELD 5 AUGUST 2004 IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, AVIATION HOUSE.**

<b>Present</b>	Prof. Mike Gasson – <b>ACNFP Chairman</b>  Professor Alan Jackson – <b>SACN Chairman</b>  Professor John Cumming - SACN Professor Ian Rowland - ACNFP Dr Anthony Williams – ACNFP/SACN Professor Christine Williams -SACN
<b>Apologies</b>	Ms Jill Brand
<b>Secretariat</b>	Dr Sandy Lawrie - <b>Secretary</b> Ms Kate Halliwell – <b>Minutes</b> Ms Michelle Gardner
<b>Observers</b>	Dr Alison Tedstone Dr David Jefferies

*Members are required to declare any personal interest in matters under discussion. Where Members have a particularly close association with any item, the Chairman will limit their involvement in the discussion. In cases where an item is to be discussed in their absence, a Member may make a statement before leaving.*

## **1. Apologies and announcements.**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Jill Brand, and from observers from FSA Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (Mrs Elspeth MacDonald, Mr Phil Morgan, and Mr Gerry McCurdy).
- 1.2 The Chairman reminded Members of the need to announce any commercial interests in the business of the Committee, prior to the discussions on each item.

## **2. Minutes of the first meeting**

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Members agreed that the minutes were a true record of the first meeting of the ACNFP held on Thursday 25 March 2004.

## **3. Discussion of proposals for Guidelines for the Nutritional Assessment of Novel Foods ANANF/06**

Following discussions at the March 2004 meeting, the Secretariat drafted a report reflecting the sub-group's views on the nutritional assessment of novel foods.

Members discussed the guidelines and suggested the following changes to the nutritional assessment section of the document.

### **General considerations**

Members agreed that a glossary should be added to the guidelines to clearly define the terms such as nutrition and nutritional quality. It was also suggested that the first paragraph was too specific and therefore should be amended.

The Secretariat agreed to formalise a draft glossary and expand on the information given in the section with examples.

### **Object of the evaluation**

Members suggested that in situations where it is not possible to compare a new product with an existing one it was important to look at the impact of the food on total diet. As members were of the view at defined levels of consumption the novel food may or may not distort the nutritional intake.

### **Data Required for Nutritional Assessment**

Members stated that nutritional assessment should examine consumption by target and non target groups.

### **Compositional Data**

Members felt that the reference to the design of compositional studies should be amended so that it is more general. At present it refers mainly to food from plants and not enough information is given on foods derived from animals.

### **The Need for Animal Studies**

It was agreed that there were certain circumstances in which there was still the need for animal studies but that the human model was the best model.

### **The Need for Human Studies**

Members believed that the need for human studies should be judged on a case by case basis but that it was particularly important to use human studies in cases where the novel food had a physiological effect.

### **Foods intended to form a major part of an individual consumer's diet**

Members suggested that this should come earlier in the report and that the proportion of food consumed should be defined.

Members also agreed that there should be a section on post market monitoring.

#### **4. Any other business**

The Secretariat and members confirmed that there was no further business.

#### **5. Date of next meeting**

The secretariat confirmed that another meeting of the ANANF Committee would be scheduled.