

## **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 first 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 first meeting in April, the Sub-Group considered the background to its work and discussed some of the main issues to be addressed in production of its report. Drawing on these discussions the Secretariat has put together a proposed outline of the report structure. The background sections cover the material presented at the April meeting. These are presented as a rough draft at this stage for information; they will be expanded for the Sub-Group's detailed consideration in the next draft.

The main thrust of the report is contained in the sections "Principles of nutritional assessment" and "data required for nutritional assessment". In drafting these, the Secretariat has drawn on existing guidelines – particularly those issued in draft by Health Canada in June 1993 – and on the Sub-Group's initial discussions.

Members' attention is drawn particularly to the brief section on nutritional modification (section 4.2.2), which was not discussed in April and which is not covered in great detail in the Health Canada guidelines, and to the currently blank section on the need for clinical studies (section 4.3.5). These sections require additional discussion and expansion to ensure that all the relevant issues are identified and addressed.

#### **Action required**

The Sub-Group is invited to comment on the proposed structure of the report; and to comment in detail on the draft text of chapter 4.

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