

January 2022 Newsletter

Key messages

[FSA Board Meeting 8th Dec 2021](#)

The FSA Board met in December, things that you may want to note that were discussed; the Science Update 2021, Consumer insights 2021, the [FSA Board supports action on CBD](#) and the Advisory Committee for Social Science Update 2021, as well as updates from the Chairs of our SACs (Scientific Advisory Committees).

[CoPSAC 2021](#)

The revised version of the Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees and Councils (CoPSAC) has been published [here](#) on gov.uk. This is guidance that sets out good practice for the operation of scientific advisory committees. Thank you to all of you who contributed comments and suggestions to the process of updating and improving the CoPSAC.

[SAC Recruitment](#)

The FSA is recruiting for 18 new members to join our Scientific Advisory Committees with expertise in a wide range of areas. We need your help

recruiting, the job advert is live until 13th February 2022, please share widely with your networks!

[Science Council Recruitment](#)

The FSA is recruiting new members to join its independent Science Council. Science Council members supply high-level, expert strategic insight, challenge and advice to the FSA's Chief Scientific Adviser, as well as the Board and FSA Executive, on the use of science to deliver FSA objectives. Their work contributes directly to ensuring the safety of food, benefitting UK consumers and the effective, evidence-based regulation of food. Apply now and share with your networks, this call closes on 30th January 2022.

Previous Meetings

October 2021

21st [ACMSF Meeting](#)

26th [COT Meeting](#)

November 2021

5th AERJEG Meeting

12th SAC Chairs Meeting

24th [ACNFP Meeting](#)

December 2021

1st AFFAJEG Meeting

2nd FCMJEG Meeting

7th [COT Meeting](#)

9th FSA [Science Council 10th Open Meeting](#)

13th Lay members meeting

FSA Publications

Recent Publications from across the FSA

[Consumer Handwashing Research: Handwashing in a Pandemic](#)

The Food Standards Agency with Ipsos Mori carried out research in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to monitor consumer hand hygiene behaviour during the pandemic.

[What drives consumers to eat food after the use by date has expired?](#)

The FSA's latest qualitative research on use by dates is now available online. It used an innovative smartphone app to conduct ethnographic research during a period with COVID restrictions.

[SETE Report](#)

The [SETE working group](#) of the COT and COC (Committee on the Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment) published its [report](#) that looks to supply pragmatic guidance that can be used by expert advisory committees for synthesis and integration of epidemiological and toxicological evidence.

[Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance Genes in Selected Ready-to-Eat Foods](#)

The FSA have [published](#) a Fera-led research study on antimicrobial resistant genes in ready-to-eat foods. The microbiological risk assessment team are currently thinking about how to use what has been learned in this study and apply it to future research and surveillance.

[Consultation on 'may contain'](#)

The FSA has launched a consultation to gather views from businesses and consumers on the use of precautionary allergen information and labels, often written as “may contain” on food packaging.

[COT Annual Report](#)

The 2020 annual report from the COT/COC/COM was published in December.

[Food Sensitive Study Wave 1 Report](#)

Survey findings exploring the impact of food hypersensitivity on quality of life.

[Healthy and Sustainable Diets](#)

Consumer poll in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to understand consumer behaviours and attitudes in relation to healthy and sustainable diets.

[Food and You 2: Wales](#) and [Food and You 2: Northern Ireland](#)

Country specific reports outlining key findings from waves 1-2 of Food and You 2.

[Consumer insights report](#)

Findings from various tracking surveys to understand consumer's behaviours and attitudes about food insecurity, food availability, concern, and confidence in the food supply chain. This report pulls together the findings from these surveys, including recent data from our [COVID-19 consumer tracker](#), and from our newly established 'Consumer Insights tracking survey' (established in November 2021) to provide the latest findings on these topics.

[Prioritising Foodborne Disease with Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis](#)

This study outlines the methodology and results of a multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) used to rank thirteen foodborne pathogens in order of their detrimental effect on UK society.

[Food Hygiene Rating Scheme \(FHRS\)](#)

Food and You 2: Wave 2: Secondary report focusing on FHRS questions asked in Wave 2.

[Survey of consumer perceptions of alternative, or novel, sources of protein](#)

Findings from a national representative online survey to understand consumer awareness and perceptions of alternative, or novel, sources of protein.

Dates for your diary

January 2022

26th ACSS Plenary Meeting

30th Science Council Recruitment Closes

February 2022

2nd ACNFP Meeting

8th COT Meeting

9th ACMSF Meeting

10th Extraordinary COT Meeting - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)
Opinion

13th SAC Recruitment Closes

15th AFFAJEG Meeting

18th AEJEG Meeting

22nd FCMJEG Meeting

March 2022

9th FSA Board Meeting

11th Claims cut off for 21/22 Financial Year

29th COT Meeting

30th ACNFP Meeting

April 2022

5th FCMJEG Meeting

19th AFFAJEG Meeting

28th AEJEG Meeting

May 2022

10th COT Meeting

31st AFFAJEG Meeting

June 2022

7th FCMJEG Meeting

8th ACNFP Meeting

14th AEJEG Meeting

23rd Science Council Open Meeting

23rd ACMSF Meeting