



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS

Review of published ACDP guidance

Issue

1. ACDP have produced a considerable amount of occupationally related guidance on controlling microbiological risks in the workplace environment. Members are provided with a list of current publications and asked to consider which, if any, should be considered for review and consequently placed on ACDP's future work plans.

Background

2. ACDP's occupationally related guidance covers many topic areas and encompasses a large number of industry sectors. Current guidance which remains extant ranges from dates as far back as 1994 to the present. With the passage of time, scientific and technological advancements, some of the guidance documents may now be outdated. Furthermore with the advent of the new single regulatory framework and "Contained Use" 2010 regulations, all of the existing guidance material will reference legislation that has been amended or revoked. Members are provided with a chronological list of current documents, all of which are still available either in hardcopy format or as web based files for download.
3. It will be important for future ACDP work plans for members to identify which of the current guidance listed is:
 - still required
 - in need of replacement or amendment

Furthermore, Members should consider guidance replacement or amendment in order of priority to facilitate future ACDP programmes of work

Action

4. Members are asked to consider the list of guidance documents below and;
- Identify publications that are no longer needed;
 - Identify and prioritise guidance for replacement or amendment; and
 - Identify new guidance which may be required.

Current ACDP published Guidance

Title	Link	Date Issued
Vaccination of laboratory workers handling vaccinia and related poxviruses infectious for humans	HSE Books ISBN 9780118854504	1990
Precautions for work with human and animal transmissible spongiform encephalopathies	HMSO London: 1994. ISBN 0-11-321805	1994
Protection against blood-borne infections in the workplace: HIV and hepatitis (under review)	The Stationery Office, ISBN 113219539	1995
Microbiological risk assessment: an interim report	HMSO. 1996. ISBN 0-11-321990-3	1996
Management and control of viral haemorrhagic fevers (under review)	The Stationery Office, ISBN 113211869	1997
Working safely with research animals	HSE Books ISBN 9780717613779	1997
The large-scale contained use of biological agents	HSE Books ISBN 9780717615445	1998
Working safely with simians: Management of infection risks	http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/misc134.pdf	1998
The management, design and operation of microbiological containment laboratories	HSE Books ISBN 9780717620340	2001
Revised advice on laboratory containment measures for work with tissue samples in clinical cytogenetics laboratories supplement to: ACDP guidance on protection against blood-borne infections in the workplace HIV and hepatitis	http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4008786	2001

Infection at work: Controlling the risks	http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/infection.pdf	2003
Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy agents: safe working and the prevention of infection (constantly under review by ACDP TSE Working Group)	http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACDP/TSEguidance/index.htm	2003
The Approved List of biological agents	http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/misc208.pdf	2004
Biological agents: Managing the risks in laboratories and healthcare premises	http://www.hse.gov.uk/biosafety/biologicalagents.pdf	2005
Biological agents: The principles, design and operation of Containment Level 4 facilities	http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/web09.pdf	2006