



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS
Provision of a Common set of containment measures for human and animal pathogens

Proposals for formulating the Approved List

Issue

1. The classification of biological agents which pose a risk to human health are currently outlined in ACDP's "Approved List" which was last published in 2004. Biological agents appearing on this approved list are classified by their ability to cause human disease and only agents in groups 2, 3 and 4 are included.

Background

2. The introduction of the single regulatory framework and the new Contained Use Regulations will require adoption of a new combined Approved List, to account, primarily for the animal pathogens currently covered by SAPO and to align hazard grouping of all pathogens with the proposed changes to regulation. The work on categorising the human and animal pathogens has been completed and is now reflected in the attached draft (Annex 1) A number of issues have emerged following the review and members will wish to note Annex 2 which highlights differences between UK and European categorisation for certain pathogens and questions members have raised in relation to other pathogens on the list.
3. Unfortunately a further delay is now expected for implementation of the new regulatory framework with October 2012 considered to be the earliest date for commencement. Members may wish contemplate the timeframe for this delay and consider ;
 - withdrawal of 2004 Approved list and replace with new Approved list of human pathogens (2011).
 - retain 2004 list and delay further work on new combined list until implementation of new regulatory framework.

Action

4. Members are asked to discuss the issues raised in Annex 2 and consider the implications for retaining or replacing the 2004 Approved list at the earliest convenience.

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