



## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS**

### **Provision of a common set of containment measures for human and animal pathogens**

#### **Issue**

1. Members are provided with the latest draft of the working group's containment guidance for general review and comment (see annex).

#### **Background**

2. ACDP formed a working group to take forward the task of producing new containment guidance in line with recommendations from the "Callaghan Review". This new guidance amalgamates existing containment measures found in COSHH, GMO (CU) and SAPO while also meeting the minimum requirements from the relevant European Directives.
3. Common hazard group definitions are provided on page 19, which allow for brigading of human and animal pathogens into one "Authorised List", replacing the existing 2004 ACDP publication. Members attention is also drawn to the flow chart on page 23, which forms the initial step in the proposed approach towards a risk based assessment of actual activities, which from 2010 will apply to all pathogens covered by the 2010 Contained Use Regulations. This model has been adapted from the GMO (CU) regulations and recognises the concept of categorisation of pathogens into one of four hazard groups, assessment of risk and allocation to one of four activity classifications. This model also allows for derogations, where European Directives permit and where full justification is provided.
4. Following the introduction of the new Contained use regulations in 2010, guidance that existed prior to its introduction will of course refer to COSHH or the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2000, which by then will have been revoked. Such guidance, however, will still be relevant, unless already superseded, or until such a time as it becomes updated.

5. Links are provided from this document to specific parts of other guidance that will have existed prior to implementation of the new 2010 regulations. It will be necessary, in the interim, for dutyholders to consider such guidance as current, ignoring references to old legislation. Where such links are provided, the working group have endeavoured to ensure that information provided in those sections is consistent with what is required under the CU 2010 regulations.
6. In summary , the new containment guidance is intended to provide sufficient information for those working with pathogens to be aware of requirements under the new 2010 regulations, the new hazard groups and the mechanism for relating this to an activity class, subsequent selection and application of containment measures. The plethora of other published guidance, available at present, will remain and continue to provide necessary support until such time as it is replaced.

### **Action**

- Members are asked for their overall views on the current draft , in particular the proposed model for assessing, selecting and implementing containment measures for all pathogens covered in the guidance to support the new 2010 Contained Use Regulations.