

Appendix D

A05 Food Irradiation Research Review: Action Plan

Current position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A05 Food irradiation programme under review ➤ Of the four research contracts recently commissioned, 2 have been completed successfully, one was terminated and one is delayed. ➤ A new ROAME is being drafted based on recommendations of the A05 review 					
Aims	Success Criteria	Action	Personnel involved	Budget implications	Complete by	Review date
1. To produce a revised ROAME A for the A05 research programme	1. When spending on a new revised research food irradiation research programme is approved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To draft the ROAME A 2. To seek approval of the drafted ROAME using RCU procedures 	RPRM Branch B staff and RCU staff	Required budget implications of the new programme will be considered in the drafting the ROAME A.	May 2004	2008 (next date for research programme review)
2. To determine public attitude to food irradiation.	1. When the Agency has greater awareness of the public's attitude to food irradiation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To present a paper to the Consumer Committee on Food irradiation, asking for their views on the issue. 2. To present a paper to the FSA Board on Food Irradiation asking for their views on the issue. 3. Include in the ROAME A any suggestions for research or survey work in that arise from the two above papers indicated in points 1 & 2. 	RPRM Branch B staff and other FSA staff. FSA Board members and Consumer Committee members.	Not known at present	May – June 2004	June 2004
3. To increase numbers of participants In collaborative trials	1. At least the minimum of eight laboratories participating in collaborative trials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To pay laboratories to take part in these trials. 2. To plan the trials so that a minimum of eight laboratories participate. 	RPRM Branch B staff	Recommendations to be sought from RPRM branch E on the standard rate to pay laboratories	As required	2008 (next date for research programme review)
2. To increase the publication of work in refereed scientific journals	1. To have at least one refereed paper published from each contract	1. To state the publication of papers as an objective when drawing up the contract for new projects.	RPRM Branch B staff	Will need to be negotiated with the contractor, with advice from RCU	As required	2008 (next date for research programme review)
3. Build up a world wide network of food irradiation contacts	1. When we receive information and intelligence on recent international developments in the field of food irradiation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish links with organisations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, the US Food and Drug Administration. 2. Establish contacts with competent authorities on food irradiation in other countries. 3. Attend international conferences on food irradiation. 4. Arrange visits with food irradiation specialists from other countries. 5. Inspection of irradiation facilities overseas. 	RPRM Branch B staff	Staff time Travel expenses for inspection of facilities and conferences will be judged on a case by case basis	Ongoing	2008

<p>4. To produce a guide for food irradiation testing, available on the Agency's web-site. Information to include: what tests are available for different foods; which laboratories carry out the testing; and other relevant information.</p>	<p>1. When a detailed guide to food irradiation detection testing is available from the FSA (possible on the web-site); to be used by food suppliers, trading standards officers, port health authorities and others.</p>	<p>1. Produce a document recommending which methods are most suitable for different foods, with pros and cons of using these methods. 2. Check and extend the list of laboratories offering food irradiation testing. 3. To publish the information on the web-site and up-date regularly.</p>	<p>RPRM Branch B staff</p>	<p>Staff time</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>2008</p>
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