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Meeting date: 20 March 2024	
Group: Microbiology Working Group	
Location: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams	

Attendees: Sarah Wood Geraldine Roberts Jane Duddle Fiona Sullivan Sarah Guy Evangeline Jennings Elizabeth Andoh-Kesson Paula Chittock Drazenka Tubin-Delic Marissa Schwoch Samantha Kirk, Shabana Praveen Dhakal Natalie Morshead Jared Winder Angeline Wolfe Christine Brophy Amy Smith Derek Hopkins, Neil Spreadbury Helen Hill	In attendance: Devina Sankhla (BRC) External: Tina Potter (FSA) Sam Lacey (FSA) Orla Maguire (FSA) Matilda Jackson-Hamilton (FSA) Bettina Brian (FSA) Agnieskka Bird (FSA)
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1. INTRODUCTIONS AND COMPETITION STATEMENT

- All were welcomed to the meeting and reminded of the competition statement.

2. UPDATES FROM THE FSA (TINA POTTER & HER TEAM):

See Micro Working Group – Incident Updates from FSA excel sheet. All incident updates are in [blue](#).

Devina asked Tina if she could share the conferences mentioned in a previous Micro WG e.g. climate food safety.

Sam (FSA) Update – STEC 0145 - Mrs Kirkham's Unpasteurised Cheese:

Tracker updated but please also see Devina's FSA board meeting update for food borne disease, as unpasteurised cheese was specifically mentioned.

Other updates:

- Tina away 2.5 weeks after this week, so food incidents inbox is main inbox to use. Raj, Jane, and Matilda available. Also, Devina can access prevention team.
- Bettina will do a short presentation on pathogens that cause food borne illness in the last year. **ACTION: Devina to include a 10 minutes slot in the April agenda.**
- UK HAS sampling priorities – Devina shared this to BRC members on 22nd January and can share again below: Areas of proposed food sampling includes cheese (including pasteurised and raw milk cheeses), imported eggs, pick and mix style nuts, seeds and dried snacks (raisins in particular for this), fresh herbs and poultry products.
- Devina asked about other incidents on our tracker. **ACTION: Devina to share our tracker, or list of other products where we've not had an update for recently, for Matilda to check and confirm if it can be moved to the closed tab.**

3. LISTERIA:

No updates yet on the consultation.

4. BFFF -15oC PROJECT:

Devina shared information via email.

AOB

Members to always check the tracker for updates and let me know if any issues with access and seeing updates.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th April 10.00 – 11.00 (virtual)

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for attending.

Devina Sankhla.