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**COMMITTEES ON CARCINOGENICITY AND MUTAGENICITY OF CHEMICALS IN
FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (COC and COM)**

Terms of Reference and Code of Practice for COC and COM

1. The Chair of the FSA Board is trying to encourage greater consistency between the Terms of Reference (ToR) and Codes of Practice (CoP) of the different FSA Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs). A template has been developed by the Science Council and the current COT ToR and CoP have been revised to follow the common format. In general, this has involved including the same information but revising the order that it has been presented in. The ToR and CoP as annexed to this paper is based on the one that is Annexed to the COT/C/M Annual Report. Some of the information is also included on the COT website, sometimes in a more detailed form. Not all the information in this document is covered on the COC and COM websites.

2. As the COT is different to the other FSA SACs in that it is one of three sister Committees along with COC and COM, which are jointly sponsored by the FSA and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), and therefore any changes will also need to be acceptable to COM and COC. This paper presents the current draft COT ToR at Annex A, for the Committees to consider whether they are content to align the TOR and CoP of COC and COM with the one of COT, except where there are differences between the Committees.

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This is a background paper for discussion.
It does not reflect the views of the Committee and should not be cited.

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