



SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECRUITMENT OF TWO NEW SPECIALIST MEMBERS

The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) is appointed by Ministers and sponsored jointly by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department of Health and the Food Standards Agency. SEAC is an Advisory Non-Departmental Public Body whose role is to provide independent expert scientific advice to the Government on spongiform encephalopathies such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and scrapie. SEAC's remit is wide-ranging, covering public health, food safety and animal health issues. SEAC is committed to making as much of its work as possible open to public scrutiny.

The Committee members represent relevant medical, veterinary and scientific fields, and the public interest. Members have collective responsibility for the operation of the committee.

As part of its membership review the Government wishes to appoint two new members to the Committee:

- **A member with veterinary clinical expertise.**
- **A member with veterinary molecular and biochemical expertise.**

Members of SEAC are required to be independent and leading experts within their fields, and are selected for their personal knowledge and experience. Successful candidates will also be strong team players and will have strong presentational, interpersonal and committee skills.

Further information about the committee, an information pack and application forms are available at www.seac.gov.uk and at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/forms/publicap/index.htm> and from the SEAC Secretary.

If you are interested in either vacancy, are suitably qualified, and could make the commitment which membership requires, please apply by post or by email to Kate Richards (SEAC Secretary), SEAC Secretariat, Room 202A, 1A Page Street, London, SW1P 4PQ; telephone 0207 904 6556; email kate.richards@seac.gsi.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 9 December 2005

The government is committed to improving the diversity of the boards of its public bodies and welcomes, in particular, applications from members of currently under-represented groups, including women, people from ethnic backgrounds and disabled people. All appointments are made strictly on merit and in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments' guidance on appointments to public bodies.