



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING

The November meeting of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be open to the public. This will take place on the 14th November 2002 at the Hilton London Metropole, Edgware Road, London.

SEAC's remit is to provide scientifically based advice to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, the Department of Health, the Food Standards Agency, and the devolved administrations on matters relating to spongiform encephalopathies, in particular BSE and variant CJD. The meeting will enable interested groups and individuals to observe and gain an insight in the workings of the Committee and to increase the public's understanding of TSEs.

The agenda and the papers for the November meeting will be finalised shortly and will be available on the SEAC website one week prior to the meeting.

The meetings will be open to all who wish to attend. Admittance however will be by registration only with places issued on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Please contact the SEAC Secretariat at the address below by no later than 11th November 2002 if you wish to attend the November meeting.

Further meetings have been confirmed for 11th February 2003 and 30th April 2003. A similar notice will be placed on the website nearer the times of these meetings.

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