

Strategic Risk Register

1. Purpose of the paper

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to present the Board the two new Strategic Risks (listed at Annex A) for their consideration, comment and agreement.

1.2 The Food Standards Scotland Strategic Risk Registers provides a mechanism for identifying and mitigating organisational risk which could significantly threaten delivery of the FSS strategic objectives. The Executive and Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) regularly review the Risk Registers to ensure that risks impact and likelihood are being consistently managed.

2. New Risks

2.1 The Executive and ARC agreed draft wording of the two new risks for inclusion on the Strategic Risk Register by correspondence. The wording of these 2 new risks are presented to the board for consideration and agreement.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Board is being asked to:

- **Note** the new risks detailed in this report.
- **Discuss, comment on, and agree** the 2 new risks added to the Strategic Risk Register
- **Provide any comments**

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ANNEX ANEW RISKS

- There is a risk that the attitudes of food business operators change following legal decisions made in 2018 with regards to food safety and specifically the presence of STEC, resulting in the increased likelihood of food being placed on the market that is unfit for human consumption, leading in turn to increased levels of foodborne illness.
- There is a risk that Local Authorities feel less able to take appropriate and proportionate enforcement action in relation to microbiological food safety following legal decisions made in 2018, resulting in lower levels of protection for consumers and an inability adequately to protect public health.