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## New contact details for CFA

CFA has relocated and can now be reached at the Chilled Food Association, PO Box 6434, Kettering NN15 5XT, UK, tel: +44 (0)1536 514365, fax: +44 (0)1536 515395.

Please note that CFA's e-mail and website addresses remain the same - [cfa@chilledfood.org](mailto:cfa@chilledfood.org) and [www.chilled-food.org](http://www.chilled-food.org).

## Fire risk minimisation and insurance

In recent months, manufacturing companies have been experiencing major problems in obtaining fire insurance, sometimes at any cost. Increases in premiums of up to 1000% have been reported as well as cases of rejections from multiple insurance companies.

Various disparate risk management requirements are also being demanded by insurers, despite work in the 1990s by the Refrigerated Food Industry Confederation with the Loss Prevention Council to develop guidance on fire risk minimisation in both new and existing structures.

The Food Industry Panels Group (FIGP) was set up in Autumn 2001 by CFA together with the Ice Cream Federation (ICF), the UK Association of Frozen Food Producers (UKAFFP), and the Cold Storage Distribution Federation (CSDF) to take forward a programme of work with the primary aim of identifying what harmonised risk minimisation measures would satisfy insurers in as cost-effective manner as possible.

FIGP membership comprises members of the individual associations – CFA, ICF, UKAFFP, CSDF – brokers, selected design engineer consultancies, and panel manufacturers.

The FIGP programme is concentrating on a number of areas:

- Developing practical guidance to the food industry on best practice in fire risk minimisation which will be published shortly;
- Assessing the extent of claims made;
- Evaluating technical developments;
- Exploring insurance options for the industry as a whole;
- Coordinating activity to avoid duplication of effort.

FIGP is not working in isolation as it also links into a network of food manufacturing associations and has catalysed the establishment, this year, of the Food Industry Forum, a subject interest group at the Association of Insurers and Risk Managers in Commerce (AIRMIC). The FIGP is led by FIGP and CFA member, Mr Derek Mason (Uniq plc) and is handling broad insurance issues for the food industry. Membership is open to AIRMIC members.

To register your interest in any of the above visit the CFA website.

## New members

CFA welcomes Knights of Norfolk Ltd and Moy Park Ltd as full members of the Association and Pann Krisp Ltd as Associate members. We are also pleased to announce that S Daniels plc have upgraded to full membership and the British Leafy Salads Association (BLSA) has become a subscriber to CFA's information services. There are now two associations subscribing to this service - BLSA and the Scottish Salmon Smokers' Association.

CFA now represents 28 companies with about 150 plants in the UK and abroad, employing 50,000 people and producing nearly 9000 different products.

## New vice chairman for CFA

Mr Ron Mellow, Divisional Director in Heinz Frozen and Chilled Foods was appointed Vice Chairman, at CFA's Executive Committee's most recent meeting.

## CFA's 2003 work programme

CFA plans a major programme of activity for 2003. Finalisation of the Fire Risk Minimisation Guidance is high priority, but a new publication on *Guidance for the Chilled Food Sector on Veterinary Residues Due Diligence* is also planned.

Best practice is an over-arching objective for CFA and during the year, the Association will continue to address issues of importance to the industry, such as improving laboratory and methodology performance, monitoring and influencing research and legislation as well as promoting awareness of CFA's standards and systems. Finally CFA plans to identify and develop best practice options for the industry on waste management.

## Promoting CFA's pesticide due diligence guidelines

CFA's *Due Diligence Guidance on the Agricultural Use of Pesticides for Suppliers to Chilled Food Manufacturers* has been sent to the Government's Pesticide Residues Committee to raise awareness of the measures taken by the industry to minimise pesticide residues and to ensure compliance with legal and commercial requirements.

Copies of the Guidance are available to non-members for £35 each for 1-4 copies, or £25 each for 5 or more copies. Members receive a discount.

## 'Micro Guidance for Growers' - acclaimed

CFA's publication *Microbiological Guidance for Produce Suppliers to Chilled Food Manufacturers* has found wide support with retailers and growers alike. One comment from Mark Aitken of the Scottish Agricultural College is typical, "It contains important technical information... is written in a very clear and readable style and will be an essential guidance document for all the UK chilled food industry and agricultural suppliers."

Copies of the Guidelines are available to non-members for £35 each for 1-4 copies, or £25 each for 5 or more copies. Members receive a discount.

## Order CFA publications on-line

A new feature of the CFA's successful website is the online sales facility where you can order your copies of CFA publications. Ordering is easy, secure and major credit cards are accepted. Just visit the CFA home page and follow the link to order.

If you don't have access to the website and wish to use a credit card (using secure facilities) to buy CFA publications, you can now do so over the telephone.

Don't forget 'CFA News' is free and can also be ordered by e-mail. Just complete the on-line reply form at <[www.chilledfood.org](http://www.chilledfood.org)>.

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