



Current Issues and Outreach Committee Report/Minutes

AAFCO Annual Meeting

August 25th, 2014, 10:15 am PST, Sacramento, California

Committee Recommendations

None

Board Recommendations

None

Association Actions

None

Committee Participants

Members Present: Katie Brenner, Sam Davis, Chad Linton, Tim Darden, Ben Jones, Ali Kashani, Richard Ten Eyck, Meagan Davis, Steve Gramlich, Sam Davis, Kent Kitade and Tim Lyons.

Advisors Present: David Ailor, David Dzanis, David Fairfield, Bob Ehart, David Meeker, Scott Ringger, Jason Vickers and Kurt Gallagher.

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With over 290 members, advisors, guests and other attendees, Ali Kashani opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and introducing the new vice-chair of the committee, Katie Brenner, members and advisors. Ali then invited and encouraged members, advisors and attendees to submit topics for discussions as agenda items for future meetings and to contact him if there were suggested changes to the committee make-up.

Dr. Robert Waltz introduced the first guest speaker, Mr. Bob Ehart, Senior Policy and Science Advisor, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). Mr. Ehart presented NASDA's views and perspectives on current rules FDA has proposed under the 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Following is a summary of Mr. Ehart talk with a copy of his PowerPoint slides posted on the AAFCO website:

"Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) does not replace the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, it "enhances" it; therefore, human and animal food producers must conform to existing [previous] law and now the new provisions added to the FDA authority by FSMA. FSMA is the most significant change in agricultural policy in decades. For example, for the first time, farmers and feed operators are proactively regulated. The law not only governs the production of food for domestic producers, but also for imported producers as well. The law moves FDA's previous authority from reactive to requiring preventive controls to be in place to prevent microbial contamination. The law also codifies many good manufacturing practices, hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) and preventive controls (PC) for manufactured foods. FDA is in the process of promulgating seven major rules to implement the new Act. By court order, two of these rules must be in effect by May 31, 2015 (the PC rules for Human and Animal Feed) and three more by Oct 31, 2015 (Produce Safety, Foreign Supplier Verification and Third-Party Accreditation) with the remaining two (Intentional Adulteration and Sanitary Transportation) in effect by May 2016. A



lot more information is available on FDA's website [Google "FDA FSMA" to get to the webpage for the law and rules].

NASDA will continue working with its affiliates to comment on the second drafts (supplemental rules) as they become available. Your (AAFCO) involvement in developing NASDA's comments have been very helpful. I look forward to continuing this effort on the second draft. In addition, NASDA is working on a draft implementation plan for an integrated food safety system. NASDA's first effort is for the Produce Safety Rule. Once that is complete we plan to develop another draft implementation plan for the Preventive Controls: Animal Food Rule. This effort cannot be completed unless we have input from AAFCO members. We will continue to have ample reasons to work together over the coming year – and into the future."

Ms. Lindsay Fernandez-Salvador of Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) was the second guest speaker and made a presentation on the national organic program standards. Ms. Fernandez-Salvador's presentation covered the basic regulations for organic livestock production, specifically for livestock feed supplements and additives. It also goes into depth on a new guidance document from the National Organic Program on how certification agencies and OMRI should review livestock feed additives and supplements, including AAFCO vitamins and mineral ingredients. There are a number of label examples of typical evaluations. PowerPoint slides Ms. Fernandez-Salvador presented are posted on the AAFCO website.

Mr. William Stone of USDA/AMS made a presentation on a recent MOU his agency signed with FDA on certificate for export of pet food and livestock feed. Mr. Stone stated that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) signed an agreement with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that gives USDA the authority to certify animal feed and pet food products for export to foreign countries. The agreement is to address a number of countries around the world that do require certification for feed, feed stuffs, and pet food products in order to meet the import requirements. Mr. Stone's PowerPoint presentation is posted on the AAFCO website.

Ms. Debra Roehrig of Nestle Purina PetCare Co., the last speaker of the session, gave a presentation on her workgroup efforts (Product Registration Standardization) which included the results of a questionnaire that was sent to all states through Survey Monkey. Each question was read and displayed on the screen for everyone to see and the results were given in percentage. Conducting the survey and compiling the results were the initial work of the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

Committee Activities

ACTION: None