

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
AAFCO'S LABORATORY METHODS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 30, 2005 2:15PM-5:15PM
Don CeSar Beach Resort, St. Petersburg, FL**

Nancy Thiex opened the meeting. After introductions the following issues were covered:

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes from January Meeting – With the exception of correcting the spelling of Michael Myers' name the minutes were approved.

Discussion of Codex/ISO and CEN issues – Following the retirement of Alan Hanks it is unclear who within AAFCO (if any) will be taking over the responsibility as liaison to Codex, ISO and CEN. Ed Moore announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Response from Vaughn, FDA – Thiex reported that she had received a response from Vaughn to AAFCO's letter concerning collaboratively studies methods receiving FDA 's blessing as applicable for regulatory use (see attachment). The letter was not positive but offered to meet with representatives from AAFCO and industry on issue. It was suggested that we explore scheduling a meeting during the upcoming AOAC meeting. Thiex also reported that she had received a large box from Dennis McCurdy, FDA supposedly containing regulatory methods approved by FDA.

ACTION ITEM: A committee consisting of Thiex, Coleman, Reimann, Jeppsen, Flick, and Riter shall review the letter and compose a response to include extending an invitation to FDA.

AOCS Collaborative study report (ANKOM) – Thiex reported that the Ankom method for crude fat had received AOCS approval. At her request ANKOM rewrote the study to meet AOAC guidelines. Based on her review the completed study seemed to have several problems that prevented it from meeting AOAC guidelines – used pet ether as solvent, had pet food samples as part of the validation sample set; etc. Therefore AAFCO could not recommend the method.

The ANKOM Crude Fiber method has also been approved by AOCS but as of yet not reviewed by AAFCO / AOAC.

ACTION ITEM: Send both studies to the Nutrition Subcommittee under the AOAC Agricultural Materials Community

Methods Needs Statements – Thiex reported that she had experienced difficulty getting feedback from the primary players concerning drug and antibiotics methods, (e.g., manufacturers and regulators). Request for input into needs statements sent to AAFCO Board who promptly returned them the Lab Committee. Need for reviewing and reprioritizing method needs. Currently

- Multi-analyte mycotoxin method – needs statement almost completed and method collection has been initiated.
- Neomycin – Thiex has talked with both Alex McDonald (Phibro) and Jeff Nielsen (Pennfield) and not received a response back from either. Question if method must be able to quantitate both Neomycin A and Neomycin B.
- Oxytetracycline and lasalocid studies are in progress
- Chlortetracycline – close to complete the in-house validation of method.
- Decoquinatone – Validated method available (Canada). Needs statement still in draft stage. Not on the “Top 10” list. Question if method should be carried through the AOAC process.
- Non-nutritive metals, pesticide multi-analyte and pyrrolizidine – need needs statements

ACTION ITEM: To complete the re-prioritization of method needs preferably prior to the next meeting in September (during AOAC)

“Low Carb” pet and horse feed – While there appear to be an interest to label pet and equine feeds along the lines of “Low Carb”, “Low Starch” and “Low Glycemic index”, and the carbohydrate group of nutrients re getting MUCH more attention, it is NOT very clear what specific carbohydrate components that the analytical testing should address.

ACTION ITEM: Reimann shall put together a needs statement based on the information received from canine, feline and equine nutritionists.

National Food/Agricultural Laboratory Committee Update / Questions – Bill Krueger outlined the planned capability of the web sites associated with the committee, its potential value to the analytical committee as a whole and information needed to populate the database. The address for the web site is www.nfalc.org. Discussion followed for the best way for labs to list their analytical capabilities.

Prohibited animal protein materials – Thiex recommended and the committee concurred to leave this issue for the FDA.

Training Videos and PowerPoint Presentations – Krueger reported that such activities could be uploaded to and downloaded from the nfalc web site.

State Participation – Thiex reported about the difficulties in getting state lab representatives involved in the committee. Eric Nelson, WI, Bill Krueger, MN and OH promised to send representatives from their respective labs to future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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